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少年の名は覚悟！穏やかな瞳に秘めた運命・必勝！
鎧の名は雫！物言わぬ鋼に込めた悲願・七生！
牙を持たぬ人の血が流される時、少年と鎧は一つに重なる！
その時は只今！只今がその時なり！
ふさわしい場所に堕ちよ現人鬼！
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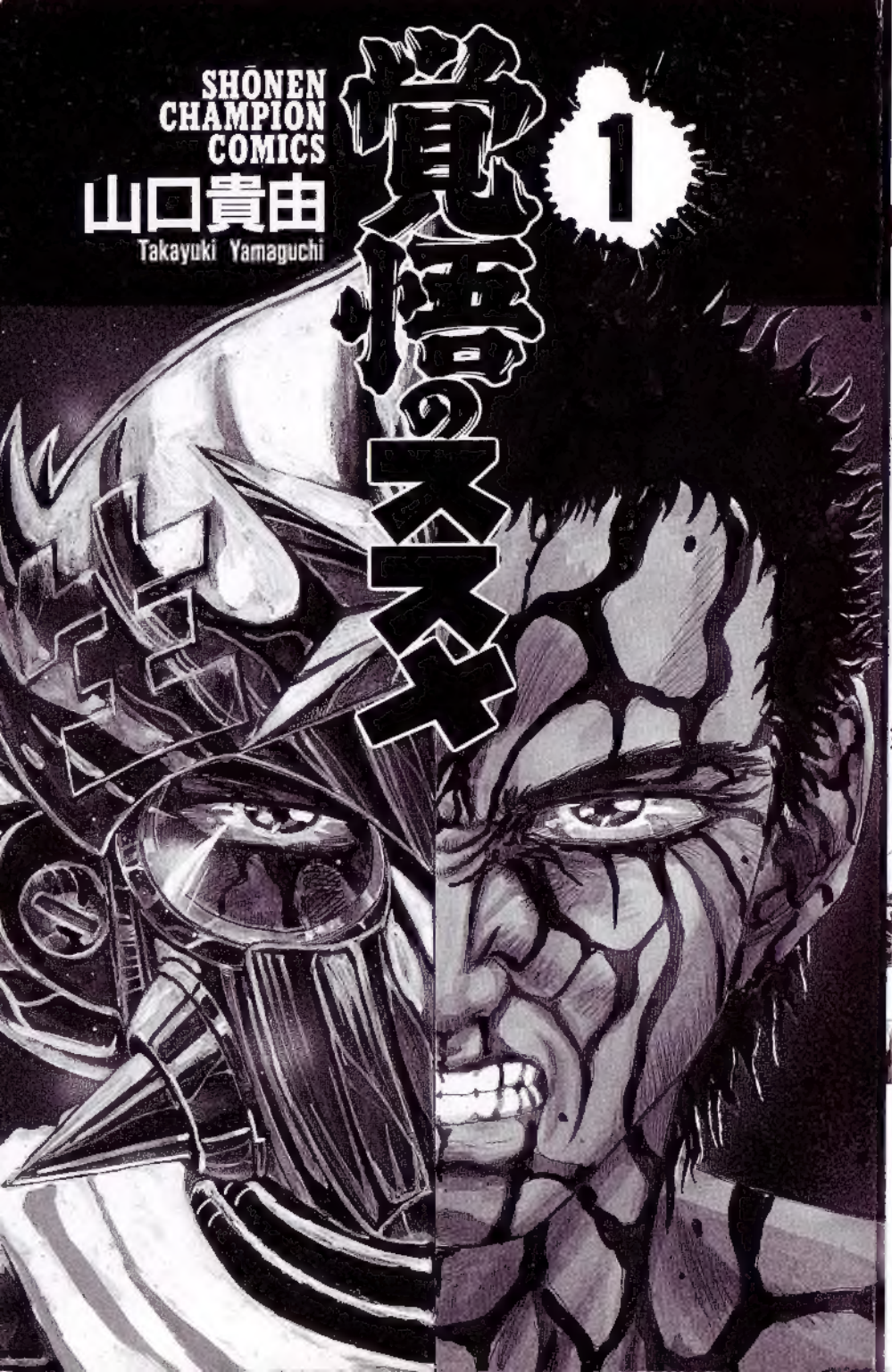

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THE ONLY SHAME IS NOT FIGHTING.
WHAT TRULY DECIDES A FIGHT IS NEITHER ONE'S SKILL NOR ONE'S STRENGTH.
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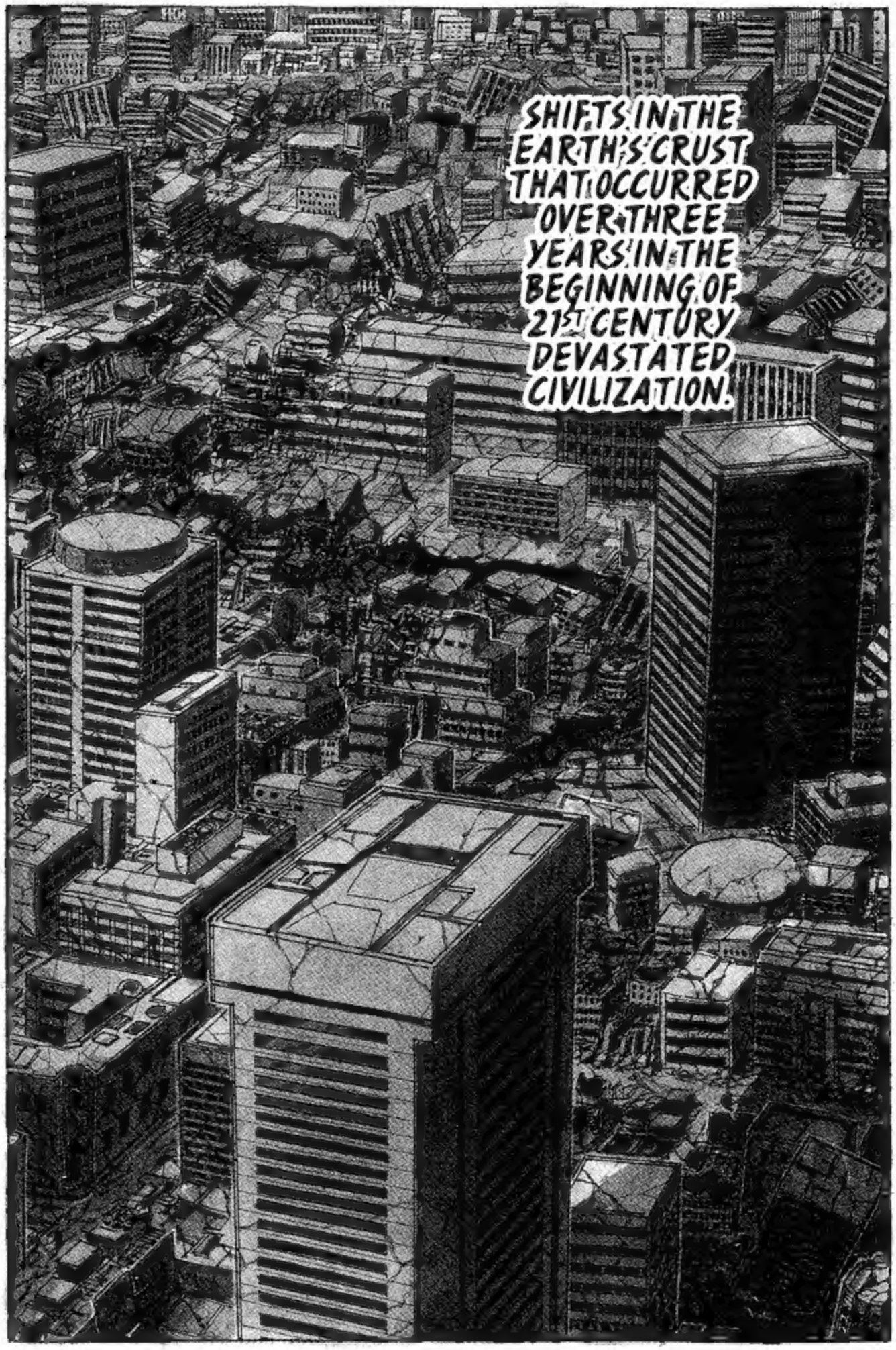
SHIFTS IN THE EARTH'S CRUST THAT OCCURRED OVER THREE YEARS IN THE BEGINNING OF 21ST CENTURY DEVASTATED CIVILIZATION.

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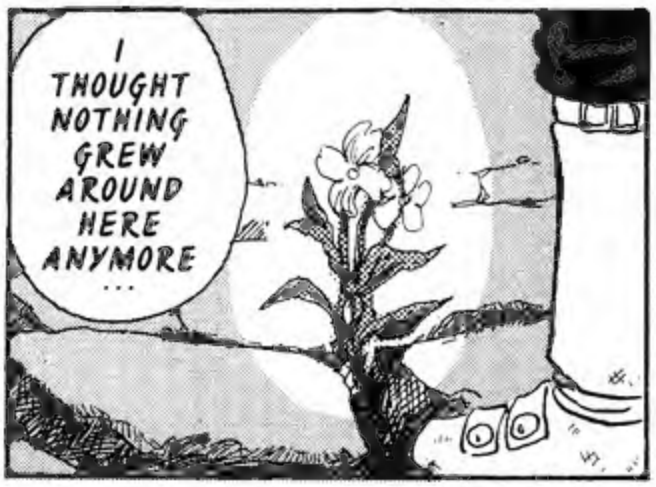
SECTION 04
LOOK! A FLOWER!

LIFE IS AMAZING.


I THOUGHT NOTHING GREW AROUND HERE ANYMORE ...

!

KAZU ...
HIROKO ...

LET'S LEAVE IT BE.
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AAA-
AAH!
!!

I AM HAMUKO.
PEOPLE CALL ME BEAUTY!
W-W-W-WHAT THE!?
HIROKO IS GOING TO HAVE OUR...
STOP IT!
URGH!
HIROKO!
JUST LOOK AT HER FACE!
WHAT'S SO HOT ABOUT HER?
HUMPH!

SHE'S SO UGLY!
UR-AGGH
JUST LOOK AT WHAT SHE'S LIKE ON THE INSIDE.
どばっ
どばっ
AAA-AAAH!

GYAKUJUJI SCHOOL
I'M AFRAID THAT THEY GOT INVOLVED IN SOME KIND OF CRIME ...
IT'S BEEN THREE DAYS SINCE KAZU SHIMADA AND HIROKO UCHIYAMA WERE LAST SEEN

I'M A TEACHER.
MY JOB'S TO DEAL WITH REALITY, OKAY?
MR. ZENIGATA!
I BET THEY'RE ALREADY DEAD.
YOU SHOULDN'T TALK ABOUT YOUR STUDENTS THAT WAY
THERE ARE THOUSANDS OF CREEPY HOBOS ROAMING ABOUT IN THIS CITY, AND I DON'T KNOW WHAT THE HELL THEY'RE UP TO

EVERYTHING HAS CHANGED SINCE THE GREAT EARTHQUAKE

THEY'RE LIKE ZOMBIES.
THOSE BASTARDS DON'T DIE UNTIL THEIR BRAINS GET BLOWN OUT

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YES!

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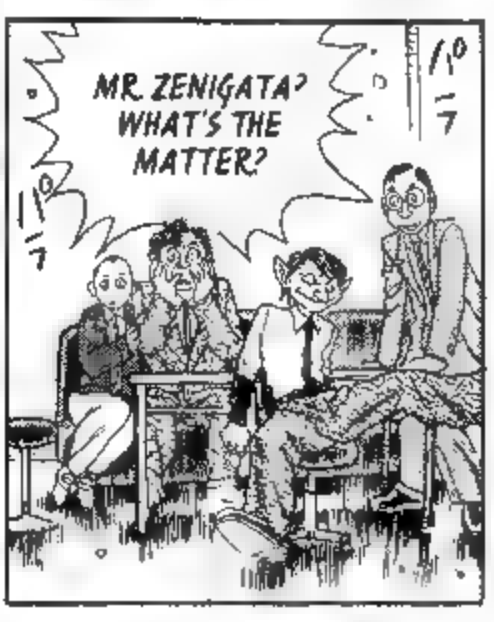
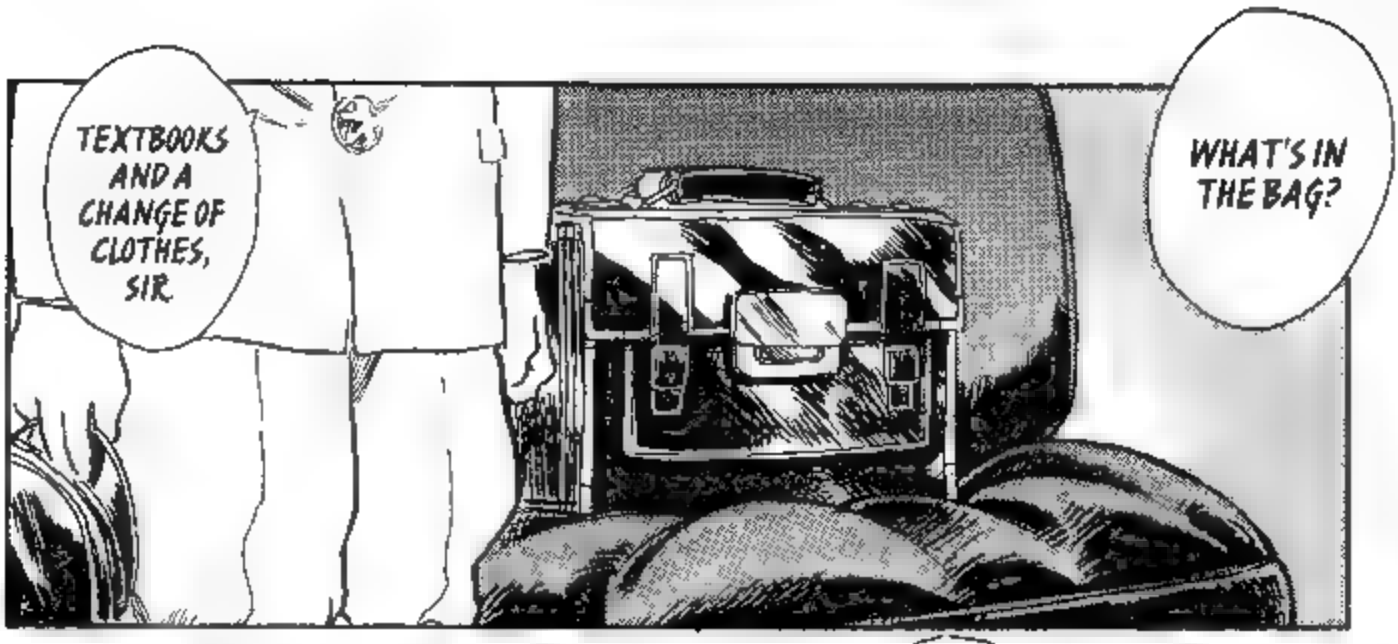
ISN'T IT DISGUSTING?
LOOK AT THIS GIGANTIC COCKROACH!


MR. ZENIGATA? WHAT'S THE MATTER?

SALUTE THE SCHOOLHOUSE.
THIS IS THE HIGH SCHOOL I'LL BE ATTENDING FROM TODAY ON
STOP RIGHT THERE!
STUDENTS FROM OTHER SCHOOLS ARE PROHIBITED HERE!

身分証明書
NO. 01-B-5247
SOPHOMORE, CLASS 1
NAME
KAKUGO HAGAKURE M
DATE OF BIRTH: 1999, DECEMBER, 25
THIS PERSON IS A STUDENT AT GYAKUJUJI PRIVATE SCHOOL
I MUST APOLOGIZE
OH, A NEW STUDENT.
WE NEVER KNOW WHEN THOSE MUTANT PERVERTS WILL SHOW UP
IT'S A DANGEROUS WORLD WE LIVE IN.

I AGREE
THE STUDENTS MUST PROTECT THEMSELVES.
WE CAN'T DEPEND ON THE POLICE ANYMORE
INTERVIEW ROOM
YES, SIR.
WE HAVEN'T RECEIVED YOUR RECORDS FROM THE ADMINISTRATION YET. SO I'D LIKE TO ASK YOU SOME QUESTIONS.


TEXTBOOKS AND A CHANGE OF CLOTHES, SIR.
WHAT'S IN THE BAG?

I WOULDN'T LOOK INSIDE A MAN'S BRIEF CASE EVEN IF IT WERE REQUIRED.
NAH.

I'M GONNA HAVE TO CHECK IT.
YES, SIR.

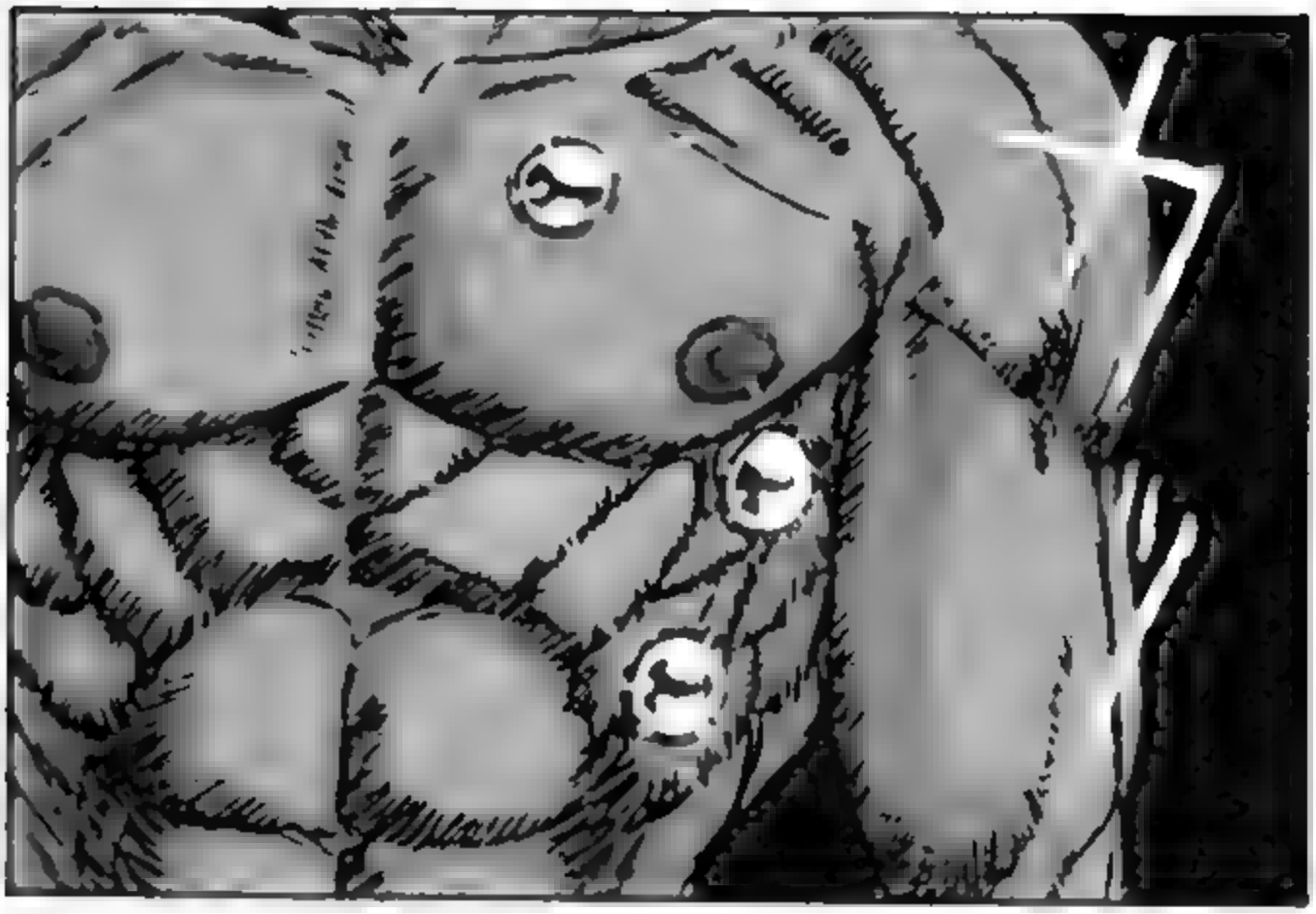
YES, SIR..
TAKE EVERYTHING OFF, PLEASE!

I'M JUST KIDDING.

YES, SIR..

COULD YOU TAKE OFF YOUR JACKET?

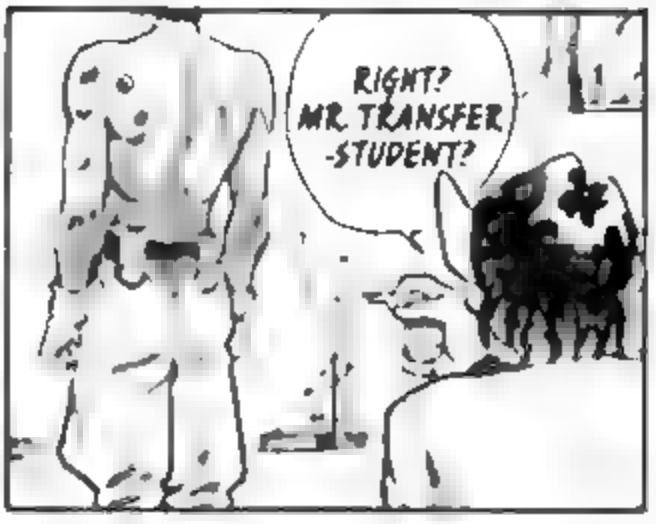
OH!?



THESE PUNKS NOWADAYS PUT METAL STUDS INTO THEIR BODIES
IT'S JUST A FASHION STATEMENT, PRINCIPAL

W-WHAT ARE THOSE THINGS ON YOUR BODY?

I DO NOT LISTEN TO ROCK AND ROLL


RIGHT? MR. TRANSFER -STUDENT?

ATTENTION EVERYONE!
2-1
WHY DON'T YOU INTRODUCE YOURSELF TO EVERYONE, HUH?

I'M KAKUGO HAGAKURE.

OKAY HAGAKURE, YOU SIT NEXT TO THE ONE WITH THE RIBBON

WOW, SUCH A SWEET VOICE...

OH MY GOD! HE'S SITTING NEXT TO ME...
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どきん!
LIKEWISE.
I-I AM HORIE. PLEASED TO MEET YOU.
HE SMELLS LIKE INCENSE..
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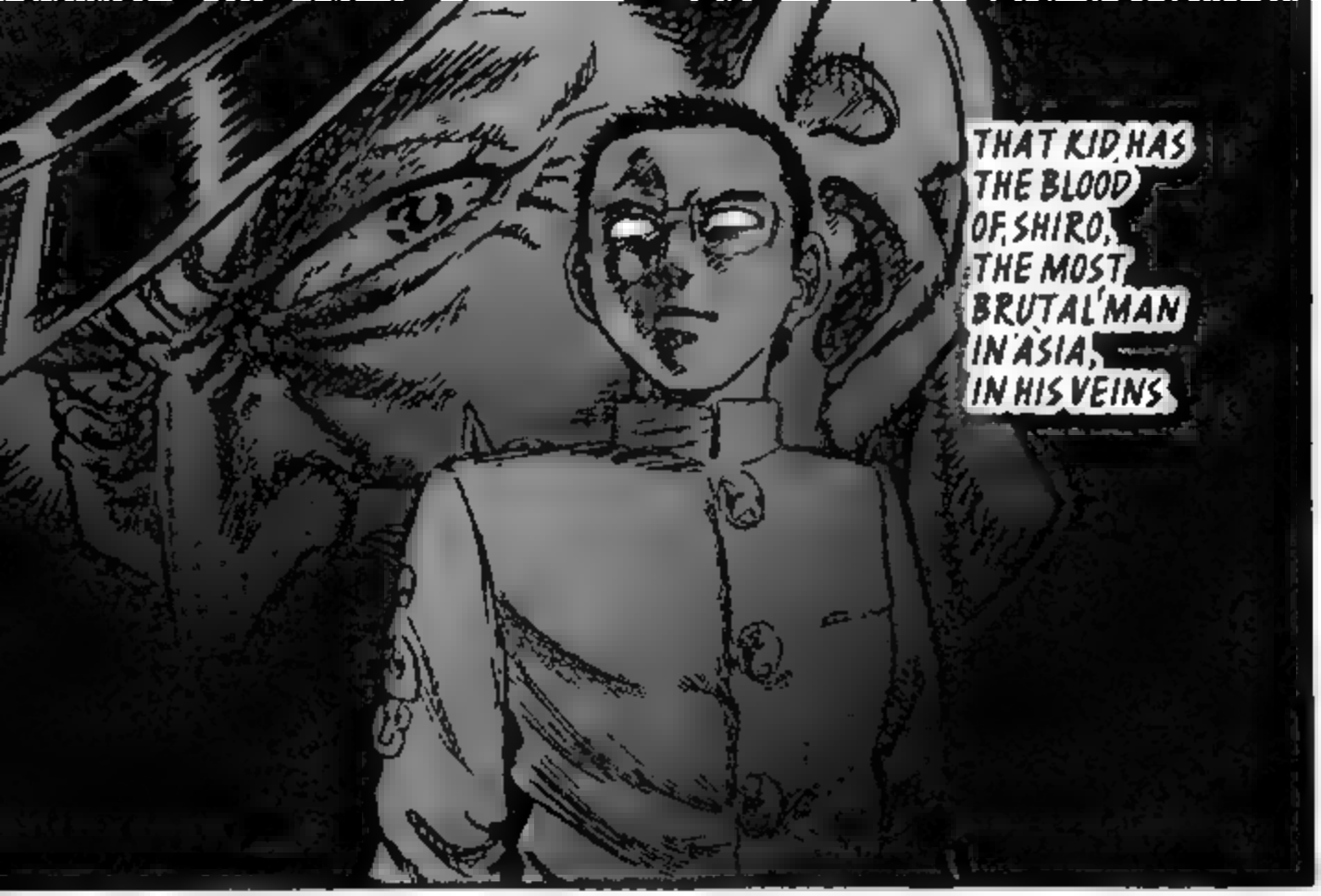
YO, TRANSFER STUDENT! YOU WANT ME TO BRUSH YOUR TEETH?
STOP IT, HAOKA!
ANYONE WHO SITS IN THAT SEAT ALWAYS BECOMES HAOKA'S TARGET
THAT POOR TRANSFER STUDENT
SOPHOMORE, CLASS 1, TSUMIKO HORIE
PRINCIPALS OFFICE

BEEP
BEEP
!
RECEIV
IF GOD GRANTS IT, I WANT TO LOOK AFTER YOU AFTER YOU GRADUATE...
YOU'RE THE SHINING LIGHT OF GYAKUJUJI SCHOOL.
ONE DRINK SHOULDN'T BE A PROBLEM, RIGHT PRINCIPAL?
I BROUGHT SOME LIQUOR I CONFISCATED FROM A STUDENT.
THERE YOU ARE.
WHAT'S THE MATTER? WHY DO YOU LOOK SO SERIOUS?
OH?

THIS IS THE INFO ON THE TRANSFER STUDENT.
OH!
?
DO YOU KNOW A MAN NAMED SHIRO HAGAKURE?
MR. ZENIGATA
HE WAS ALSO A SOLDIER WHO SLAUGHTERED MORE THAN TWO THOUSAND PRISONERS IN HUMAN EXPERIMENTS DURING WWII.
SHIRO HAGAKURE WAS A WAR CRIMINAL


THAT KID HAS THE BLOOD OF SHIRO, THE MOST BRUTAL MAN IN ASIA, IN HIS VEINS

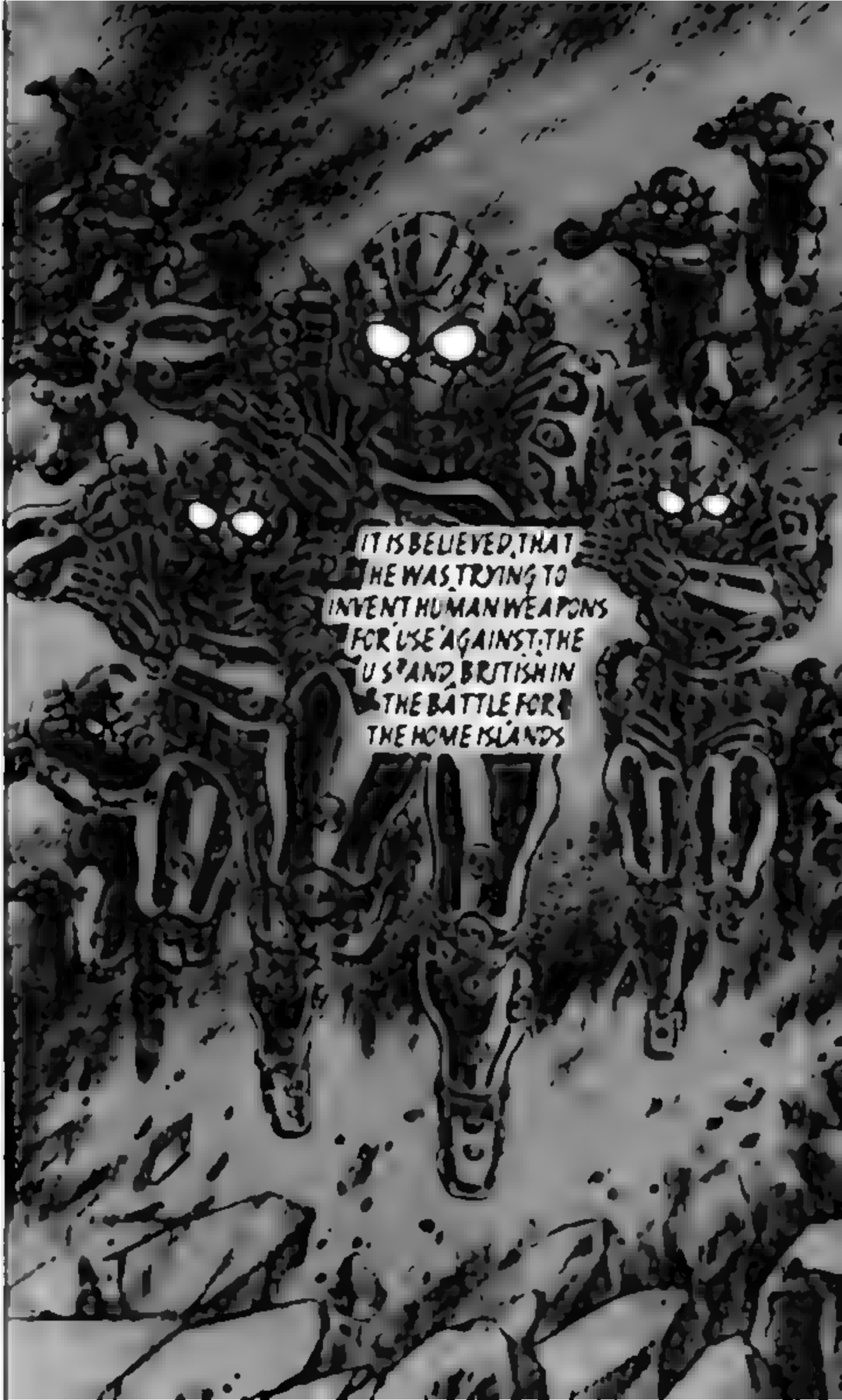
THE APPLE DOESN'T FALL FAR FROM THE TREE.
YOU DON'T THINK SO?

WELL, THAT DOESN'T MAKE HIM A CRIMINAL.

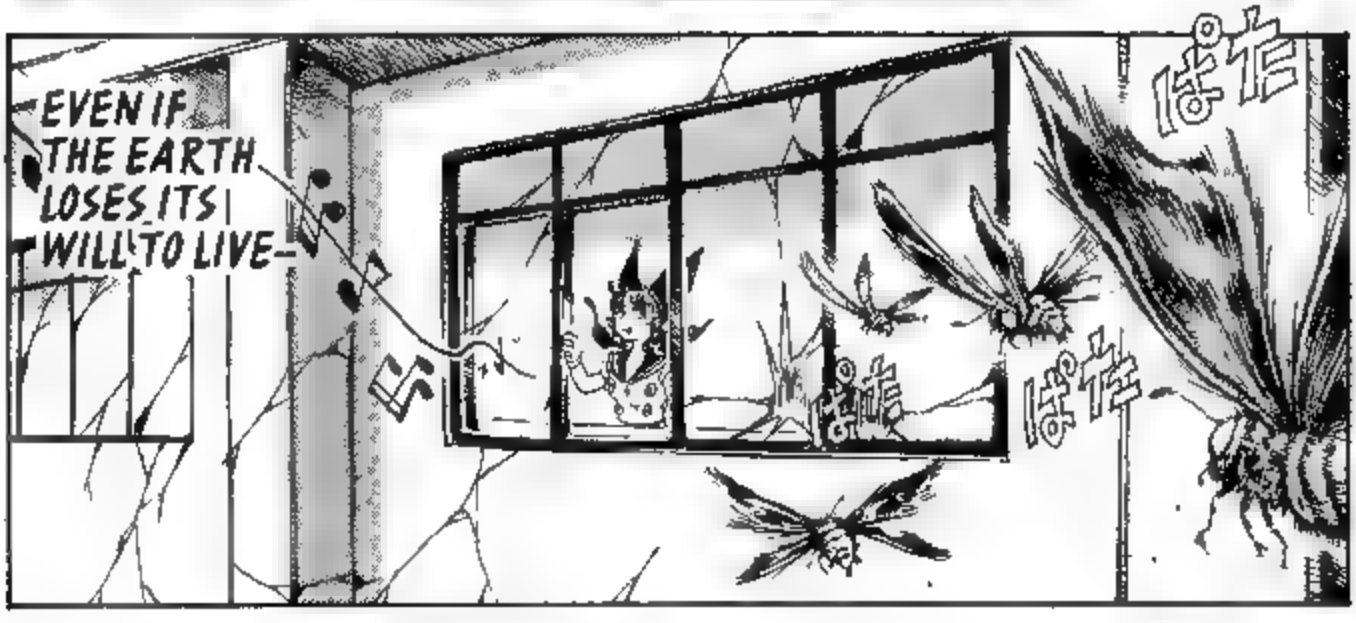
SO, WHAT WAS IT SHIRO HAGAKURE WAS TRYING TO DO?

THE DETAILS REMAIN UNKNOWN, BUT .

I APOLOGIZE
YOU BETTER WATCH YOUR MOUTH.


IT IS BELIEVED THAT HE WAS TRYING TO INVENT HUMAN WEAPONS FOR USE AGAINST THE U.S. AND BRITISH IN THE BATTLE FOR THE HOME ISLANDS

THAT'S NOT APPROPRIATE, MR. ZENIGATA
HUMAN WEAPONS! THAT'S SO COOL!


EVEN IF THE EARTH LOSES ITS WILL TO LIVE—
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THAT'S PRETTY GOOD. YOU SOUND JUST LIKE MADONNA.

JUST REMEMBER THE SONG OF

I DON'T SOUND LIKE ANYBODY ELSE.
NO, I DON'T.
I DON'T LIKE IT WHEN I'M TOLD THAT I SOUND LIKE SOMEONE ELSE.
AND I AM THE ONLY ME IN THE WORLD
I'M ME.
WHAT THE HELL ARE YOU SMILING ABOUT?

DON'T GET COCKY
HE'S RIGHT. YOU'RE STANDING OUT WAY TOO MUCH.
YOU'RE GETTING TOO MUCH ATTENTION FOR A NEW KID, YOU KNOW!
ARE YOU LISTENING TO ME?
HORIE IS MINE! DON'T YOU LAY A FINGER ON HER!
THAT'S NOT ALL!
IT'LL CHANGE IN A COUPLE OF DAYS.
I DRAW ATTENTION BECAUSE I'M NEW.
FINE, THEN DIE!
NO ONE CAN OWN ANOTHER HUMAN BEING.

OOOH!!
NO WAY!!!
HE JUMPED!
OH?

STRIVE TO AVOID USING VIOLENCE
REMEMBER, HORIE IS MINE!
I'LL SAY IT AGAIN, AND AGAIN!
DAMN YOU, HAGAKURE!
STRIVE FOR MUTUAL RESPECT.

YOU DON'T NEED TO BE SHY.
OH GOD, NO!
AAAAAH!
HIROKO! HIROKO!
SO CUTE, MON CHERI!
I'M GOING TO SHUT YOUR MOUTH!
HIROKO!
I'M PISSED!
YOU'RE STILL THINKING ABOUT HER?

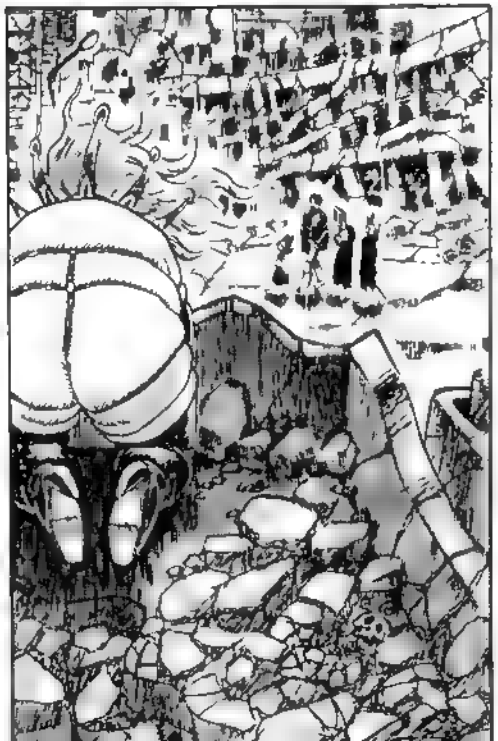
ボヂュ
ヒトカ
MMMPH
チュチュチュ
IT'S PROOF OF MY ETERNAL LOVE.
ARRG-GHHA!
THAT HICKEY WILL NEVER DISAPPEAR

THERE IS A THREAT ALERT IN THE VICINITY OF GYAKUJUJI SCHOOL!
ALL STUDENTS MUST BE ARMED.
GO HOME WITH THE STUDENTS FROM YOUR BLOCK IN A GROUP.
I LIVE IN THE DORMITORY BEHIND THE SCHOOL.
HAGAKURE, WHERE DO YOU LIVE?
UM...
I LIVE IN BLOCK ONE.
3 B
2 B
1 B
IT'S NICE THAT YOU LIVE CLOSE BY
DARN IT
WELL, I'LL BE GOING NOW.
SEE YOU TOMORROW
HURRY UP, HORIE. LET'S GO HOME.
DON'T HIT ME.

HEY, HORIE...

WHO'S THAT GIRL WITH THE RIBBON?

WHY'S SHE GOT THREE MEN AROUND HER?

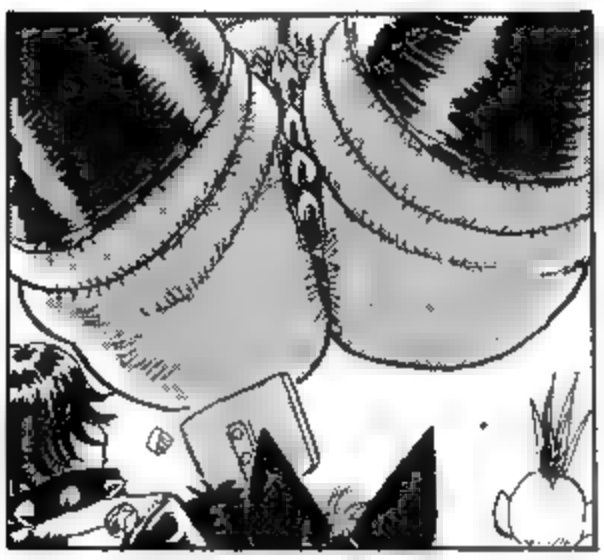


THEY'RE THE EYES OF A MURDERER
THERE'S DANGER IN HIS EYES

WELL, THAT'S GOOD

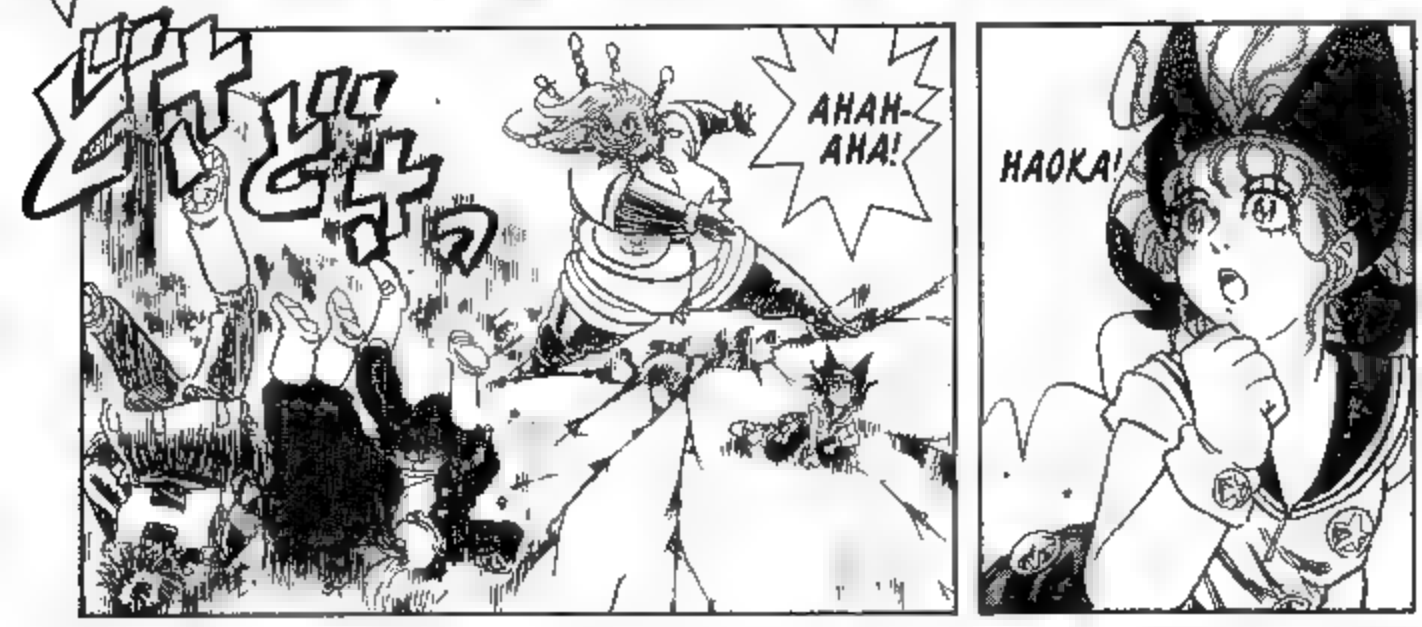
HE LOOKS LIKE HE'S HIDING SOMETHING

YOU'D BETTER BE CAREFUL WITH THAT HAGAKURE
1 B
WHY?



AAH!

AHH!
OOH!
THERE!


AHAH-AHA!
HAOKA!

AAAAH!
I WILL LOVE YOU NICE AND SLOW LATER.
SLEEP FOR NOW, MON CHÉRI.

I WILL LOVE YOU LIKE I LOVED KAZU.

YOU WON'T GET OFF SO EASY!
BUT I DIDN'T DO ANYTHING
BUT NOT YOU!
YET YOU'RE FLIRTING WITH THREE MEN!!
W-What?
YOU'RE SO UGLY!!
YOU MUST'VE USED THAT SWEET VOICE OF YOURS TO SEDUCE THEM!
SHUT UP!
W-WHAT ARE YOU
THAT'S NOT TRUE WE'RE JUST GOING HOME FROM SCHOOL

GOD SAVE ME!
TASTE THE HEEL OF YOUR QUEEN!
WHAT THE...!?

AND WHAT IS SHE TO YOU?
WHO THE HELL ARE YOU?
I'M HER CLASSMATE.

第二話 覚悟完了
EPISODE TWO: KAKUGO COMPLETE

HURRY. GET OUT FROM HERE.
IT'S NOT SAFE
WHOA!
T-THAT VOICE...
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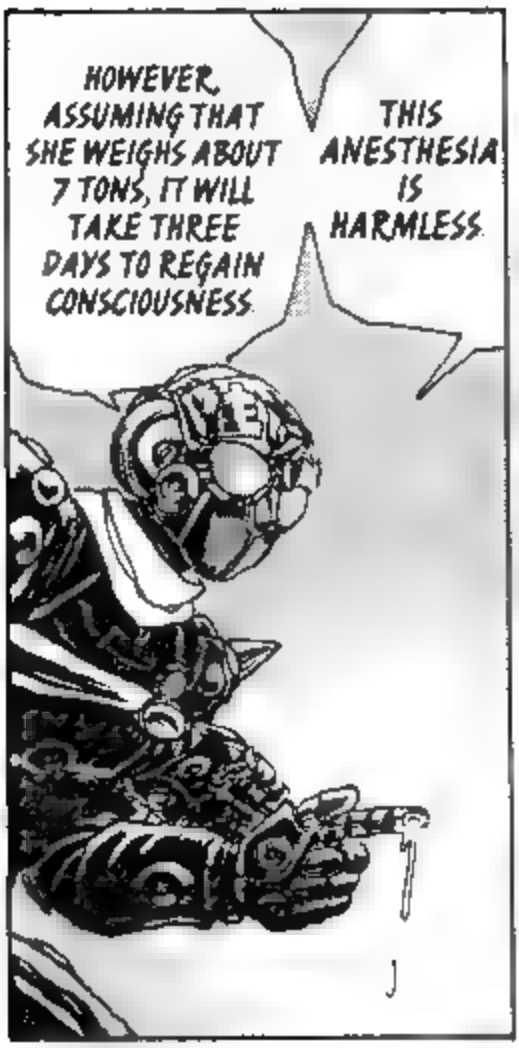
ホホ
SHIT!
YOU...
SON OF A ...
OH.
CLASSMATE? YEAH RIGHT!

B-BUT
GET THE HELL OUT OF THERE!
WHAT ARE YOU DOING, HORIE!?
WHAT ARE YOU DOING?
RUN! HURRY!
I'LL BURY YOU!
AH!
AAAH
AHAHA-HAHA!
HURRY! HORIE!
ばったた
YES!

VERY WELL!
IF I GAVE UP THAT EASILY, I COULDN'T BE YOUR QUEEN!
I REQUEST YOU MOVE YOUR LEG!
I HAVE NO DESIRE TO FIGHT YOU!
PAINLESS ANAESTHETIC LIQUID!


THIS ANESTHESIA IS HARMLESS.
HOWEVER, ASSUMING THAT SHE WEIGHS ABOUT 7 TONS, IT WILL TAKE THREE DAYS TO REGAIN CONSCIOUSNESS.

MUMMU-MMMPH
ニルヴァーナ

I THINK HE PUT HER TO SLEEP WITH A DRUG
I TOLD YOU, HE'S A MURDERER!

IT'S HAGAKURE
WHO'S THAT GUY IN THE BONDAGE COSTUME?
DID YOU SEE THAT?

UHUH

HAGAKURE?

HEHEHEH!
WHAT ON EARTH HAPPENED TO THIS WOMAN?
WHAT!?
HOW COULD SHE REGAIN CONSCIOUSNESS SO FAST?
AHAH-AHA!
UNBELIVEABLE
WHAT A CONSTITUTION!
IT'S FAR BEYOND THAT OF ANY HUMAN!

HOLY SHIT! HER MOUTH IS SPLIT TO HER EARS. .
LOOK AT HER BACK!
HOW DARE YOU SQUIRT ON MY BEAUTIFUL FACE?
AHAHA- HAHA!
WHAT'S THAT!?
WHAT ..

I'LL BATHE YOU IN MY HOT JUICE!
SHE ISN'T HUMAN!
ERGH

AHAHA-HAHA!
HAGA-KURE!
HEAR THAT, HORIE? LET'S GET OUT OF HERE!
HAOKA, THIS IS BAD. THE GAS LINES AROUND HERE ARE LEAKING
SOMEBODY MAKE A WISH!
LET'S LIGHT SOME CANDLES!
NO WAY

I MUST CATCH IT!
IF SHE USES THAT FIRE BREATH MUCH MORE IT LL CAUSE AN EXPLOSION
SOMEBODY MAKE A WISH!
I'LL MELT THAT ARMOR OFF YOU!
I HAVE NO CHOICE!
I'LL USE A STRIKING TACTIC!

ZERO FORM, DIRECT THRUST!

SPLOOSH
I STRUCK YOUR SPINAL CORD THROUGH YOUR STOMACH
YOU SHALL NEVER REGAIN YOUR INHUMAN POWERS

MASSIVE PURE!
あげー
MY GOD, SO MANY HUMAN SKELETONS
どべ
ばちゃ!
YAAH
OH!
SOMETHING MOVED

I'M SO COLD.
SO COLD.
A PUKE MONSTER!?
WHAT ARE WE GONNA DO?
...
HOW AWFUL...
THAT MONSTER MUST'VE EATEN HIM ALIVE...
WHAT? ARE YOU SURE?
IT'S SHIMADA!
WHERE AM I?
HELP ME ..
I CAN'T SEE ANYTHING...
T-THAT VOICE...!

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ブル
I'M SORRY, BUT YOU'D BE BETTER OFF DEAD, SHIMADA
WHAT ARE WE GONNA DO? NO AMBULANCE'LL COME TO DISTRICT 04
HIROKO
IT'LL BE FINE! WE'RE ALL HERE FOR YOU!
SHIMADA, HANG IN THERE!
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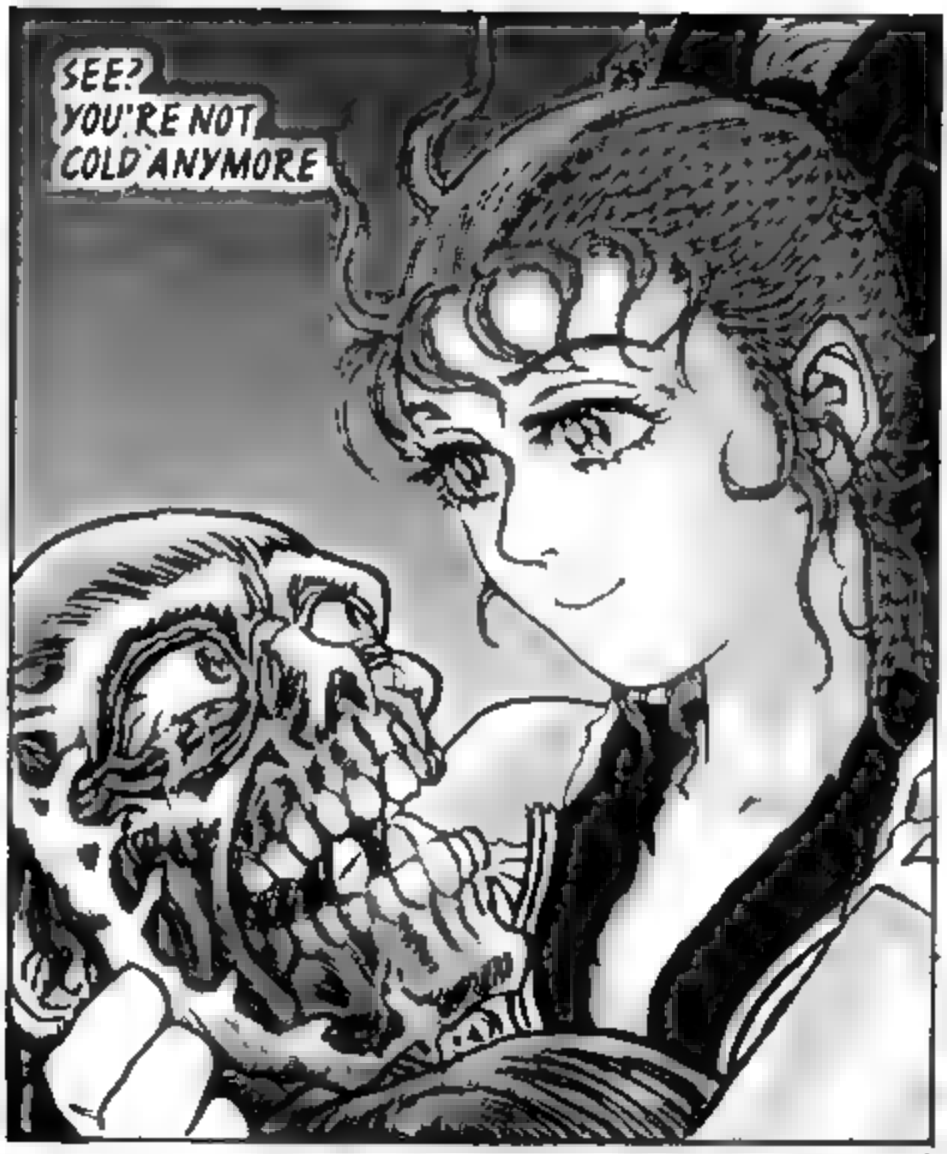
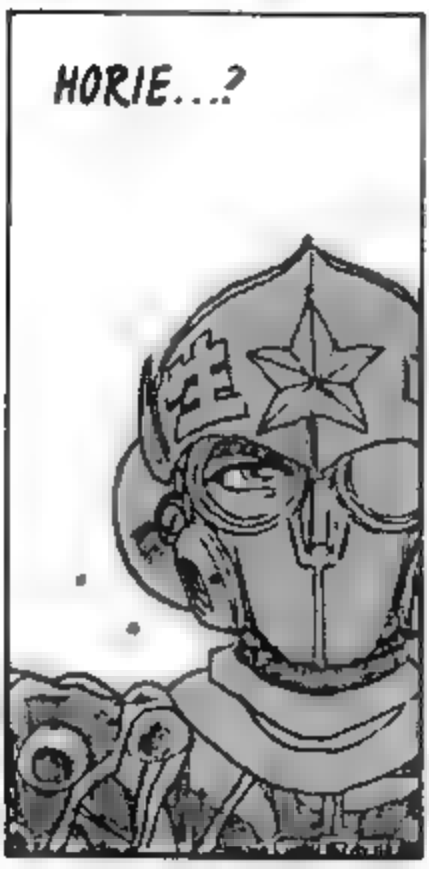

SEE? YOU'RE NOT COLD ANYMORE

STOP IT, HORIE.

WHAT IF THAT PUKE MELTS YOU TOO?


HORIE...?

YOU'RE GONNA BE FINE
YOU'RE GONNA BE FINE

WE'RE HERE FOR YOU.
I'M HUNGRY NOW!

CAN SHE BE STOPPED?
I'M HUNGRY FOR LOVE!
WHAT IS THE ULTIMATE LOVE?
IT'S TWO PEOPLE BECOMING ONE.
MEANING THAT YOUR FLESH BECOMES MINE.

I LOVE YOU!
I LOVE YOU, MON CHÉRI!!
AHA-HAHA!
AHA-HAHA!
YOU ...
I'LL TAKE THAT AS A DECLARATION OF WAR, NOT LOVE!!
PREPARING FOR ASSAULT!

KAKUGO
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COMPLETE!

YOU SHALL PAY FOR YOUR CORRUPT BELIEFS!
IN THE END, LOVE ALWAYS WINS!
IT'S NO USE!
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ZERO FORM, IMPACT, DIRECT KICK

ARRRGH!
REST IN PEACE!

YOU WILL NOT RISE UNTIL RESURRECTION DAY.
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YOUR LOVE IS AN ACT OF VIOLENCE.
HAGAKURE!
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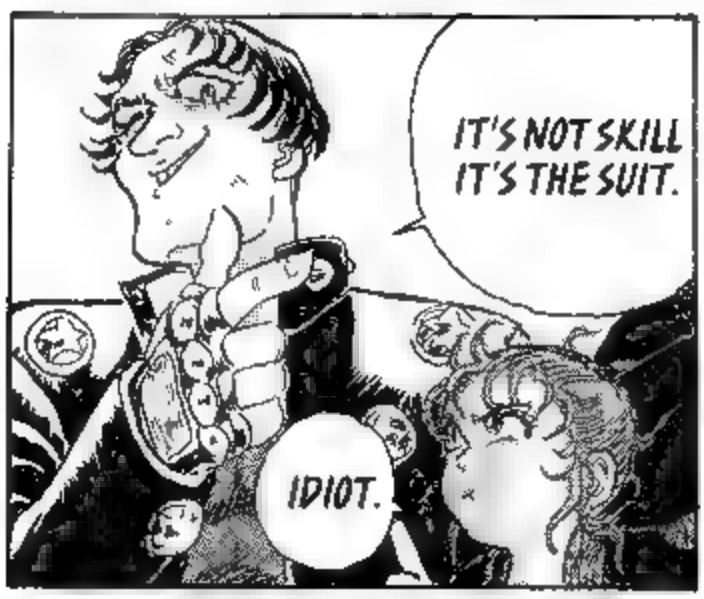
ALL RIGHT!
YEAH!
HE DID IT!.

THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR SAVING US!

ARRGH!
YES, WE ARE!
IS EVERYONE ALL RIGHT?

HEY HAGAKURE, WHAT'S UP WITH THAT COSTUME?


IT'S NOT SKILL IT'S THE SUIT.
IDIOT.

AND THAT SPEED! WITH THE SUIT, YOU'VE GOT NOTHING TO FEAR, DO YOU?
I CAN'T BELIEVE YOU SURVIVED GETTING BLASTED BY THAT FIRE.

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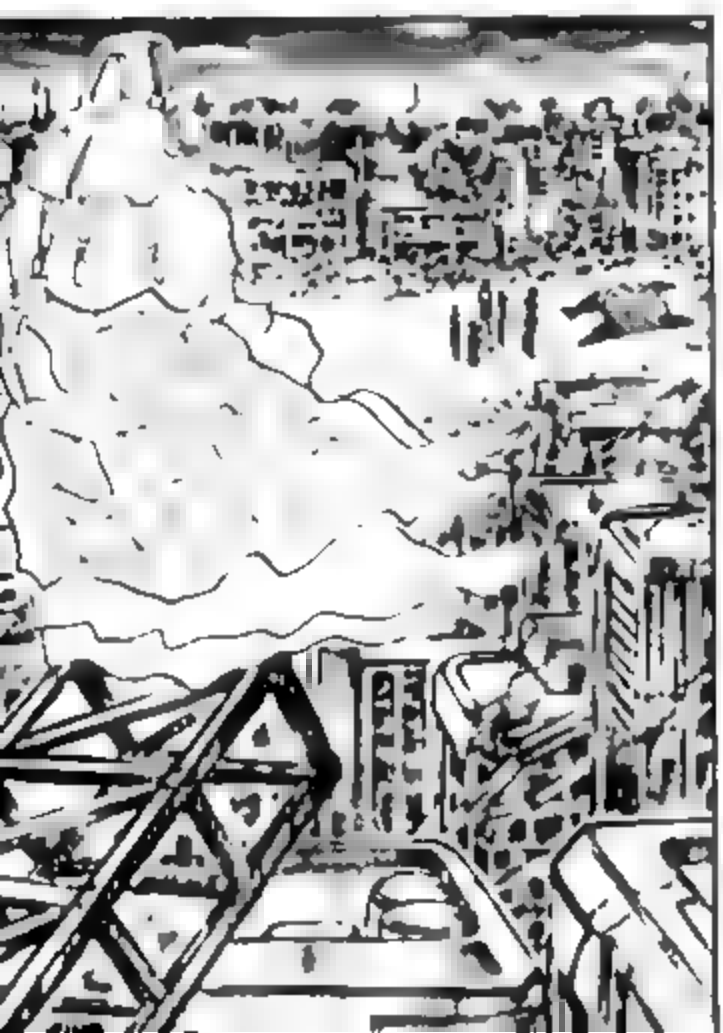
HAGAKURE, ARE YOU ALL RIGHT?

YES, I AM.



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NAGAKURE

HE DEFEATED THE TACTIC FIEND WE CREATED...
WHO IS THAT YOUNG MAN?

第三話 零式防衛術
EPISODE THREE, ZERO FORM DEFENSE

I DON'T THINK SHE'S HUMAN
I WONDER WHERE SHE'S FROM.
I'VE NEVER SEEN ANYONE SO BIG
SHE'S GIGANTIC.
HEY, NAGAKURE, WHAT THE HELL IS SHE?
I DON'T KNOW.

IT'S MY FATHER'S LEGACY.
THIS IS FORTIFIED ARMOR SHELL, ZERO.
WELL THEN, WHAT'S THAT COSTUME YOU'RE WEARING?
EXCUSE ME, BUT
DO YOU HAVE A MOTHER, OR ANY FAMILY?
SUCH SAD EYES..
THIS PLACE TURNS INTO HELL WHEN THE SUN GOES DOWN.
WE'D BETTER GET GOING.
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HEY!
HE'S AN ORPHAN! OH NO! HOW COULD I BE SO INSENSITIVE?

YOU ALREADY HELPED HIM DIE A HAPPY MAN!
FORGET HIM!
HE'LL NEVER REST IN PEACE
WAIT! WE CAN'T LEAVE SHIMADA LIKE THAT
YOUR PRAYERS WILL BE ENOUGH.
IF YOU BURY HIM AROUND HERE, THE RATS WILL DIG HIM UP ANYWAY
I'M GOING TO BURY HIM.
IT'S NO USE, HORIE
ARR-RGH!
HORIE.
PLEASE STAND BACK

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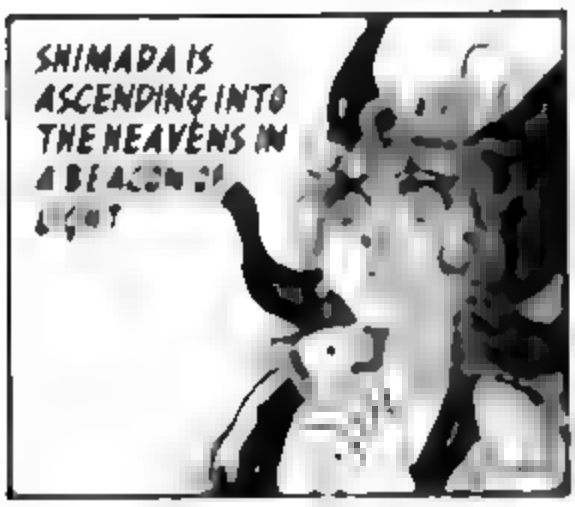
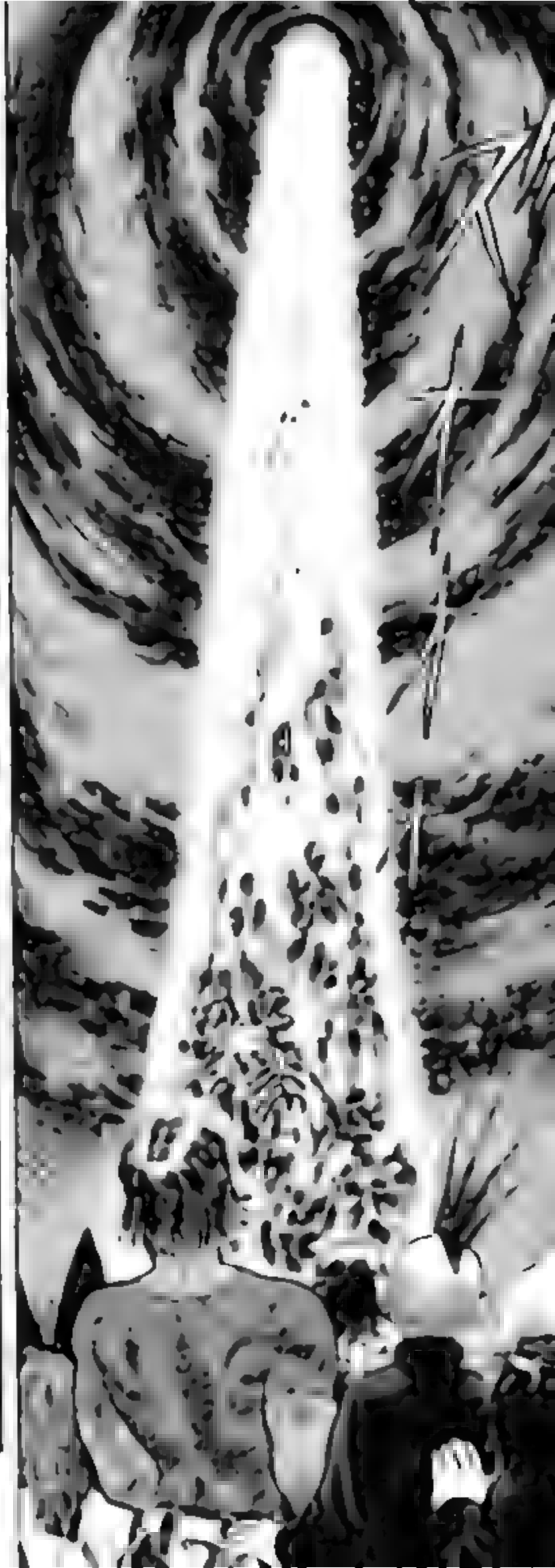

SHIMADA IS ASCENDING INTO THE HEAVENS IN A BEACON OF LIGHT

DON'T RETURN TO THIS AWFUL WORLD AGAIN.

NO NEED TO FEEL SORROW.
OUR CLASSMATE HAS RETURNED TO A MORE PEACEFUL PLACE



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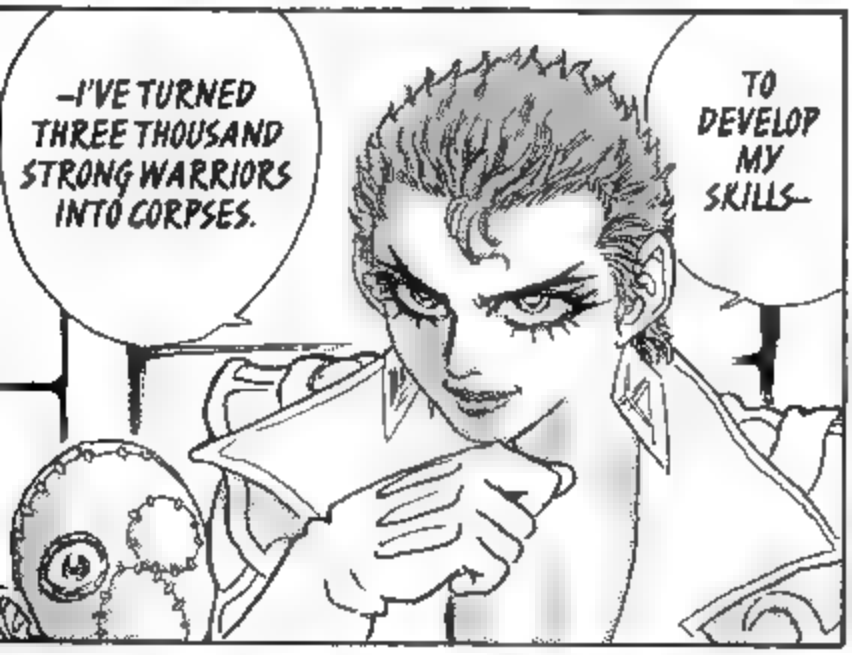
GARAN CASTLE

ALL THE FOOD, SOLDIERS EVERYTHING
I WILL GIVE YOU THIS CASTLE IF YOU CAN DEFEAT ME

YOU'RE OPTIMISTIC.
BETTER NOT
YOU BETTER NOT BE KIDDING
THAT SOUNDS LIKE A GOOD DEAL.
HEH HEH HEH.
WANTING TO SPAR WITH US, HUH?


—I'VE TURNED THREE THOUSAND STRONG WARRIORS INTO CORPSES.
TO DEVELOP MY SKILLS—

I AM JACKAL I'VE KILLED 63 WRESTLERS IN LESS THAN A SECOND

THAT'S FUNNY.
THE PRINCE IS DELUSIONAL
DIDJA HEAR THAT?

TIME FOR A REALITY CHECK!

EH?!
ZERO FORM, SUCTION PALM STRIKE!

AH!
AGH!

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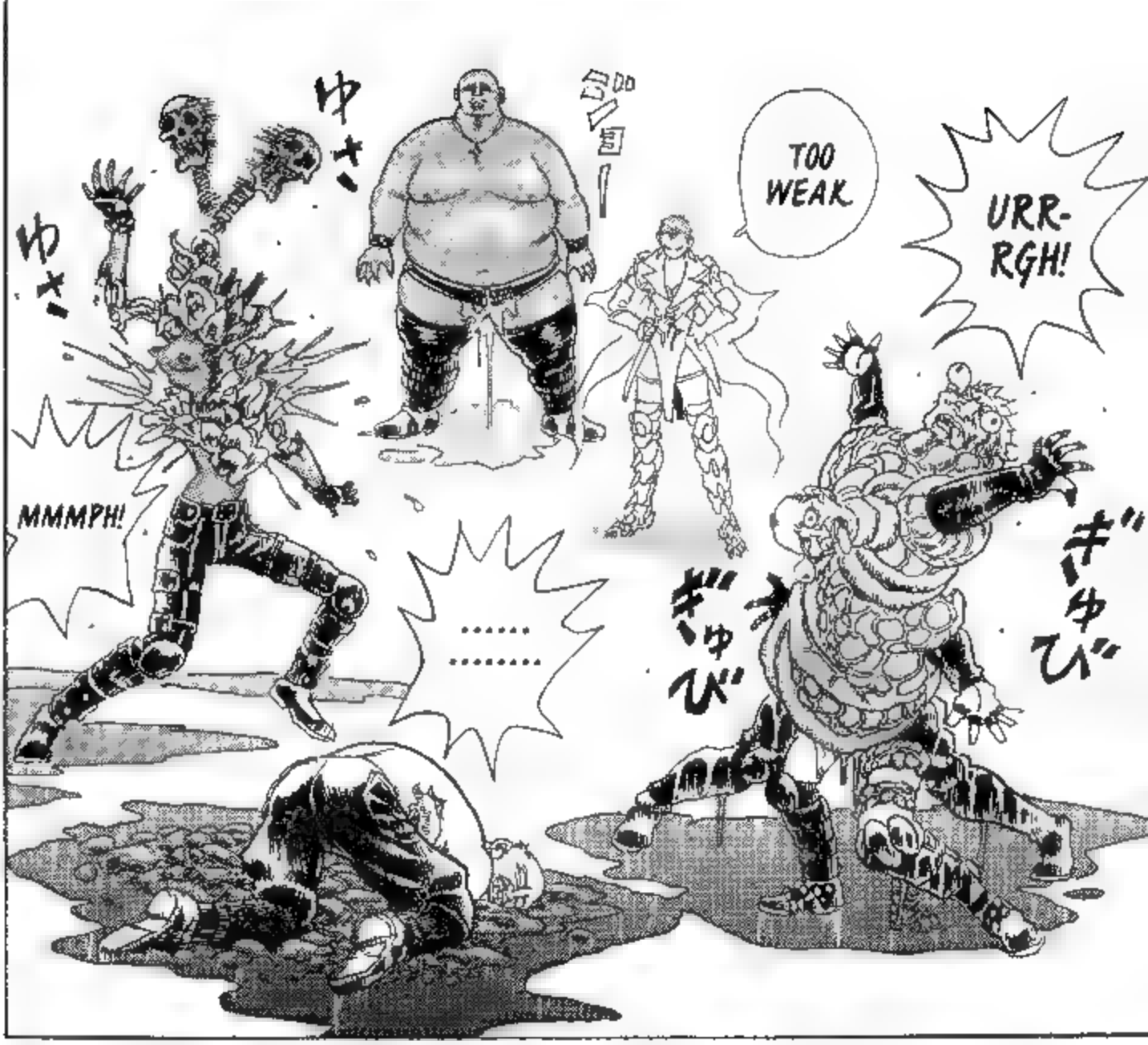
AH!
OOOH!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MMMPH!
TOO WEAK.
URR-RGH!
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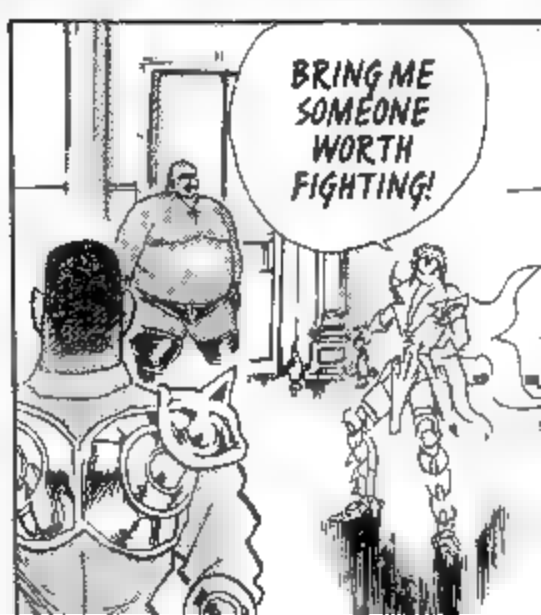
WHAT ELSE CAN I DO?

IT'S NOT LIKELY THAT WE'LL FIND HUMANS STRONGER THEN THEM.
BUT THOSE MEN WERE WORLD CHAMPION PROFESSIONAL FIGHTERS.

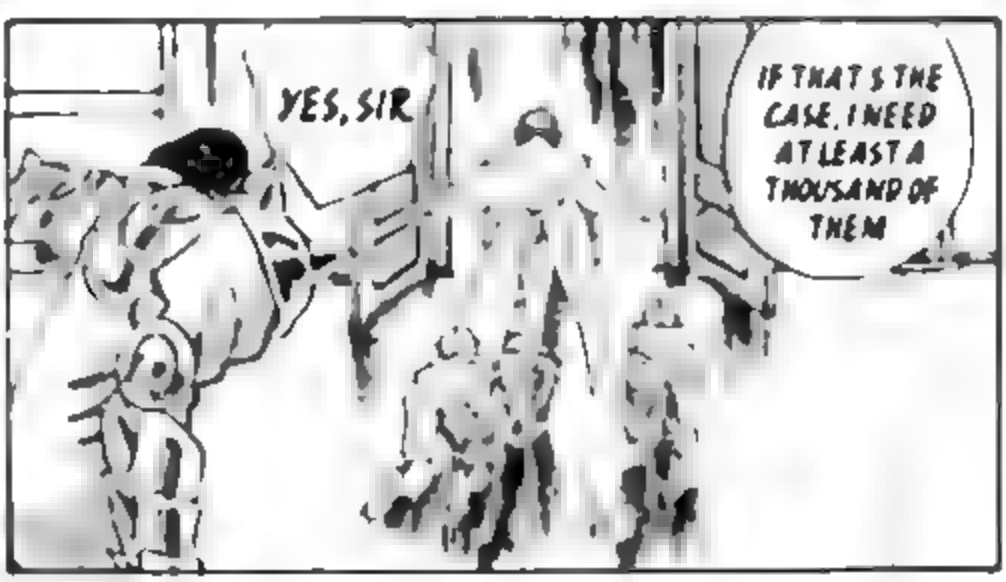
IT DIDN'T EVEN ENTERTAIN ME


BRING ME SOMEONE WORTH FIGHTING!

ZERO FORM DEFENSE.
ULTIMATE FIGHTING FORM
WHAT THE FUCK DID YOU JUST DO?
WHAT THE .
AAAH!
EEEE-ARGH!

WHAT'S GOING TO HAPPEN TO ME?
WHAT?
ZERO FORM, SPIRAL WAVE BLOW!
DON'T GET SO AGITATED
EH?
HE WHO DOESN'T SMILE WHEN HE EXPIRES WILL NOT BE REBORN.
MM-MPH

URRR-
RGH!


YES, SIR
IF THAT'S THE CASE, I NEED AT LEAST A THOUSAND OF THEM

MASTER HARARA.
HOW BORING IT IS TO BE A SUPERIOR BEING
TACTICAL FIEND, HAMUKO WAS DEFEATED BY AN ARMED CITIZEN TODAY
I'M NOT HUNGRY TONIGHT
THE MAN WAS NOT EVEN A SOLDIER, BUT A LONE STUDENT.

WHEN I ARRIVED AT THE SCENE, SHE WAS ALREADY
ENOUGH TALKING
THIS IS
HUH?
THE FORTIFIED ARMOR SHELL ZERO

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HE IS MY YOUNGER BROTHER

第四話 戦術鬼
EPISODE FOUR, TACTICAL FIEND

YOU'LL PAY!
I'LL NEVER FORGIVE YOU FOR IT.
YOU'RE NO LONGER MY BROTHER.

WHOEVER STANDS IN MY WAY IS DESTINED TO DIE!
BACK OFF, KAKUGO!
I WASN'T EXPECTING TO WALK AWAY FROM THIS BATTLE ANYWAY.
I RESPECT YOUR CONVICTION
BUT I WILL STOP YOU EVEN IF I DIE IN THE PROCESS!

I'LL PAINT THIS SNOW RED!
IMPACT!
SPIRAL!

GRRRPH
ARRGH

FAREWELL, KAKUGO.
YOUR DYING EXPRESSION WAS PRICELESS.

I THOUGHT THAT WAS THE LAST TIME I'D SEE HIM, BUT...
MY BROTHER, INDEED
I'VE SUMMONED TACTICAL FIEND, EIKICHI.
MASTER HARARA.

HEH.
PANT
PANT
I'VE BEEN WAITING FOR YOU! EIKICHI.
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YOU CAN BE SO CRUEL, MASTER HARARA.
HOW COULD YOU MAKE AN OLD FOSSIL LIKE ME COME ALL THE WAY TO THE TOP FLOOR?
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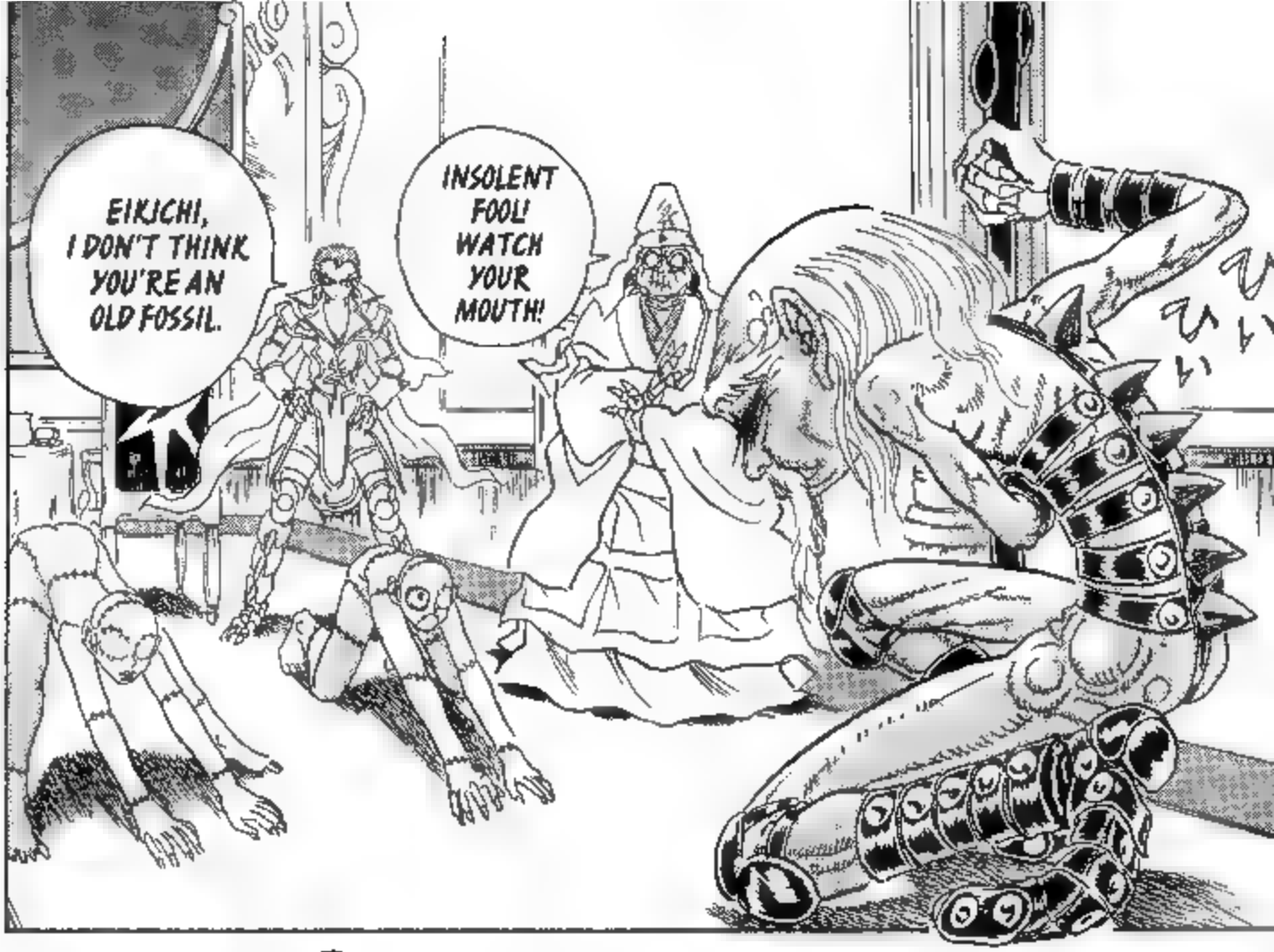
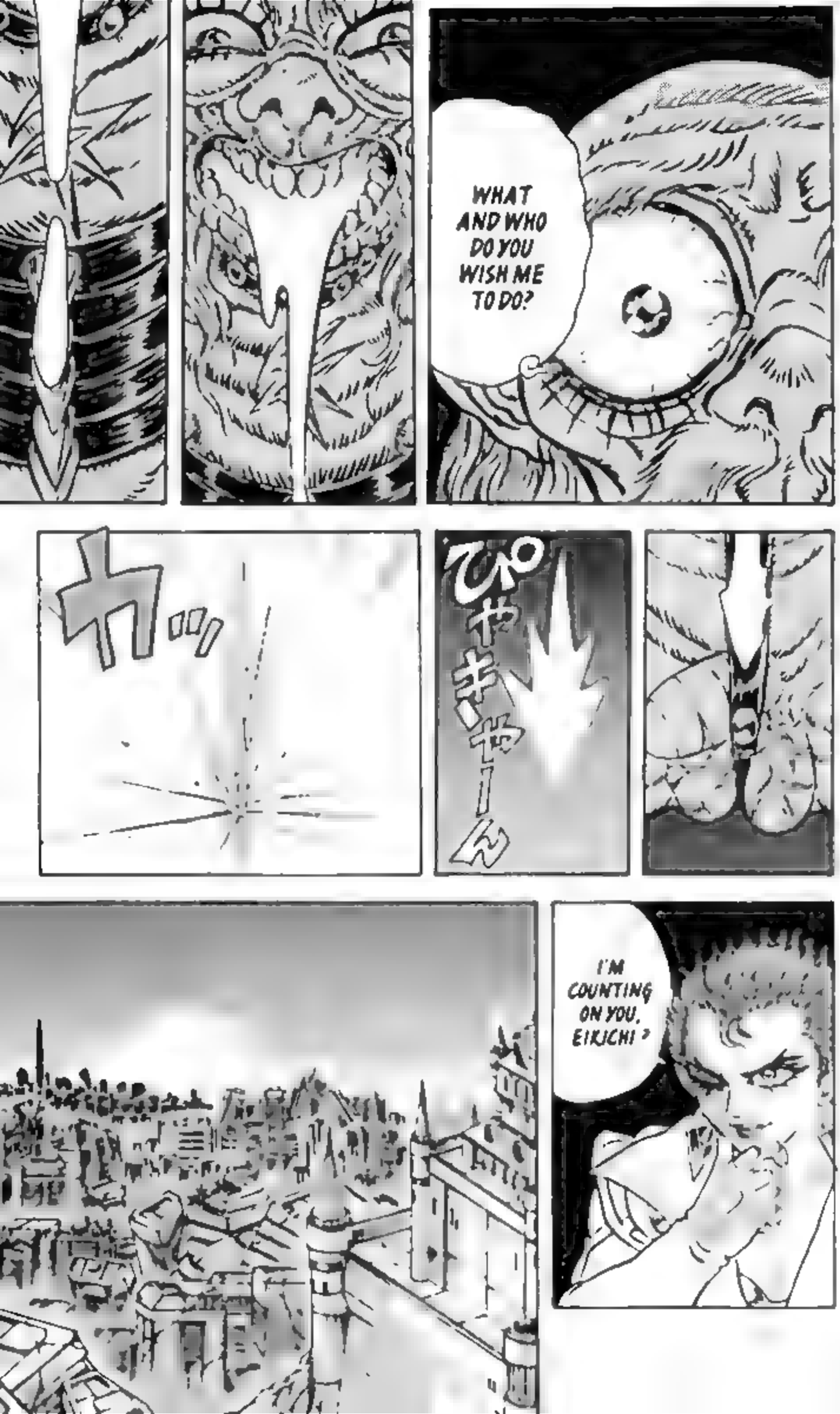

EIKICHI, I DON'T THINK YOU'RE AN OLD FOSSIL.
INSOLENT FOOL! WATCH YOUR MOUTH!

YOU FLATTER ME SO, MASTER HARARA
AWWW.

YOU'RE FULL OF LIFE. I CAN FEEL IT.
YOU'RE STILL QUITE CAPABLE!

IT IS MY GREAT PLEASURE TO SERVE YOU, MASTER HARARA

MASTER HARARA, YOU'RE THE ONLY ONE WHO TREATS ME WITH SUCH RESPECT
I NEED YOUR HELP.


WHAT AND WHO DO YOU WISH ME TO DO?
I'M COUNTING ON YOU, EIKICHI.

GYAKUJUJI SCHOOL
IT'S KINDA HARD TO BELIEVE
HAGAKURE IS MY HERO.
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WOW, THAT'S WHAT HAPPENED YESTERDAY?
THAT'S RIGHT.
HE WAS SO AMAZING.
GOOD MORNING!
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TSUMIKO, HERE HE COMES

GOOD MORNING.
MORNING
GOOD MORNING!
I HEARD WHAT HAPPENED YESTERDAY
UM, AHEM
MY DESK.
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I'M HORIE.
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TO THANK YOU FOR YESTERDAY, I TOOK THE LIBERTY OF CLEANING YOUR DESK.
LOVE WILL AFFECT MY FOCUS..
MUST NOT LET MY HEART THROB.
MUST NOT LET MY HEART SWAY ME.
YOU'RE WELCOME.
THANK YOU.
OH NO. HE ISN'T SAYING ANYTHING. . .
MAYBE HE'S ANNOYED...
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HELP YOURSELF
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ACK!
HEY, MORIE WHY DON'T YOU CLEAN MY DESK, TOO?
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INTRUDER ON THE PROPERTY!
MY BODY WAS HARD AS STEEL
SCHOOL, EH? IT REMINDS ME OF THE DAYS WHEN I WAS YOUNG AND KICKING

THIS IS THE PROPERTY OF GYAKUJUJI SCHOOL!
THIS IS A WARNING.
WE ARE THE ARMED SECURITY SQUAD!
REMOVE YOURSELF IMMEDIATELY.
MY HEARING HAS GOTTEN WORSE RECENTLY.
WHAT DID YOU SAY?
YOU SNOT-NOSED PUNKS!
DID YOU JUST CALL ME SENILE?
WHAT?

DON'T THINK YOU'LL HAVE YOUR YOUTH FOREVER.
EW!
IS HE GOING TO FIGHT WITH THAT?

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WAH!
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FROZEN SALIVA BULLETS!

-MASTER HARARA WAN'S
I SHALL GO FIND THE MAN-
NO ONE CAN ESCAPE OLD AGE

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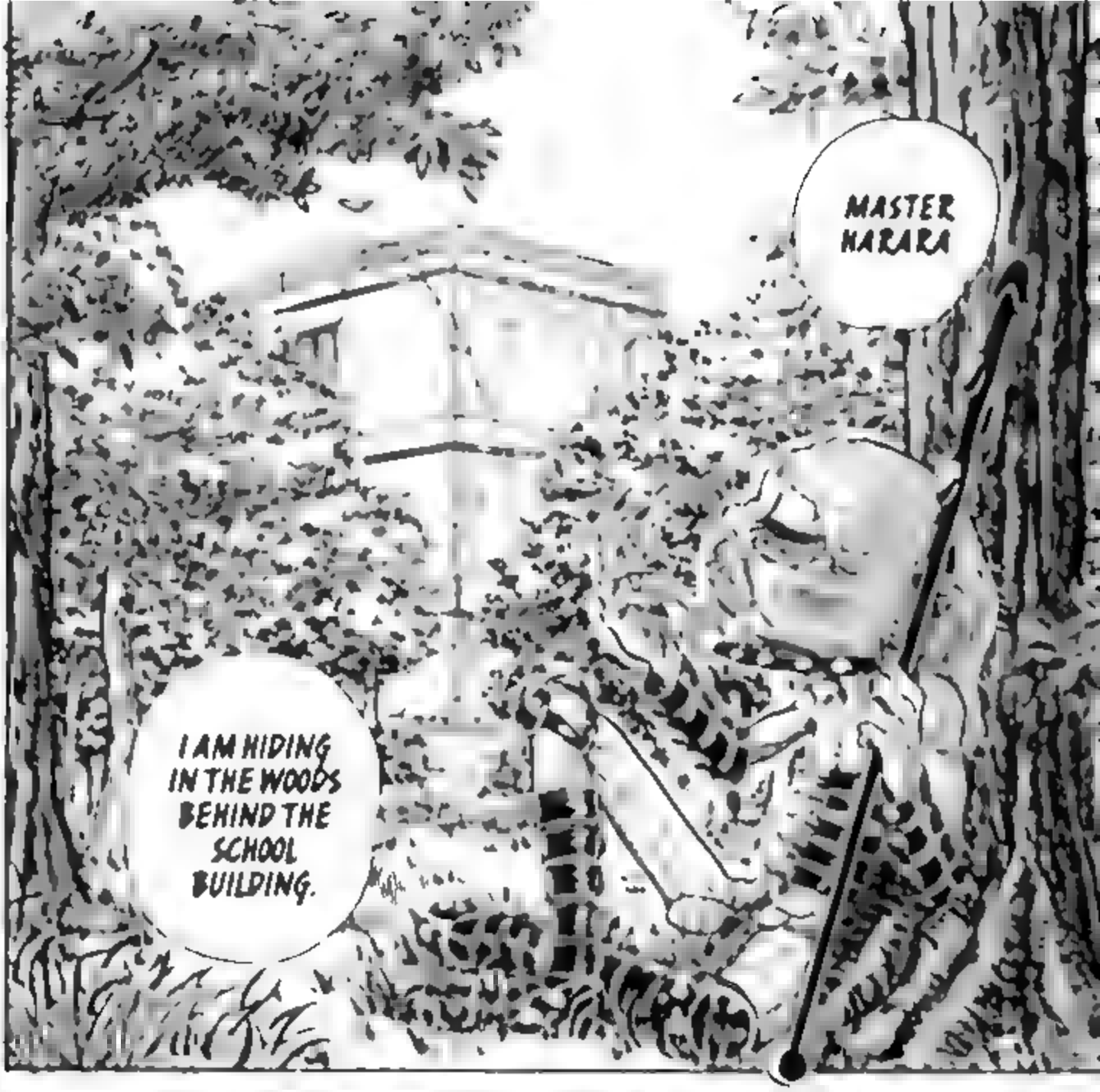
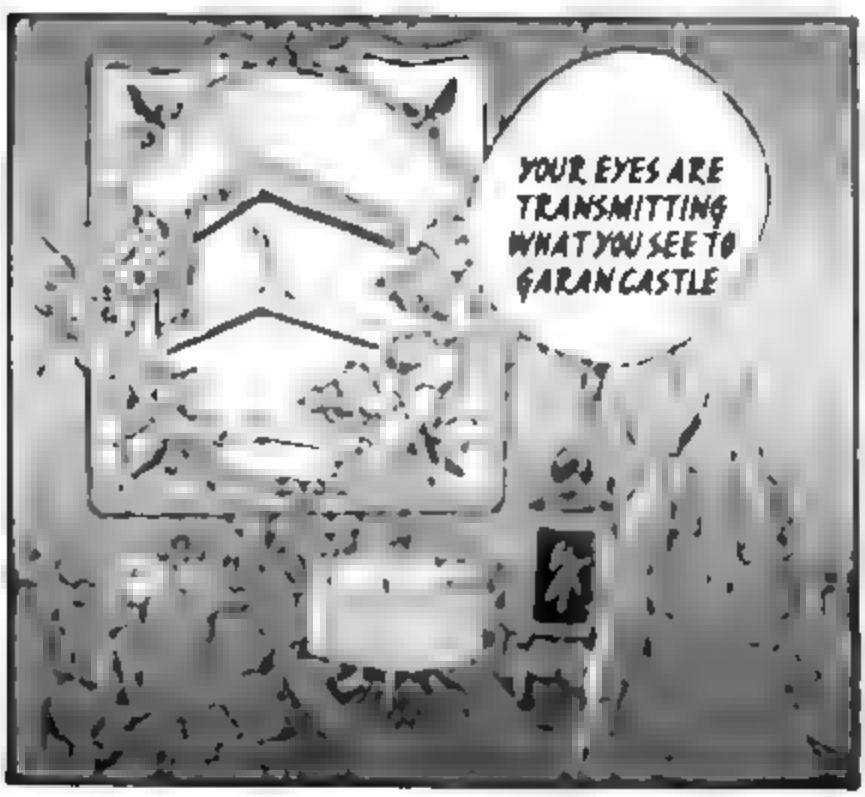
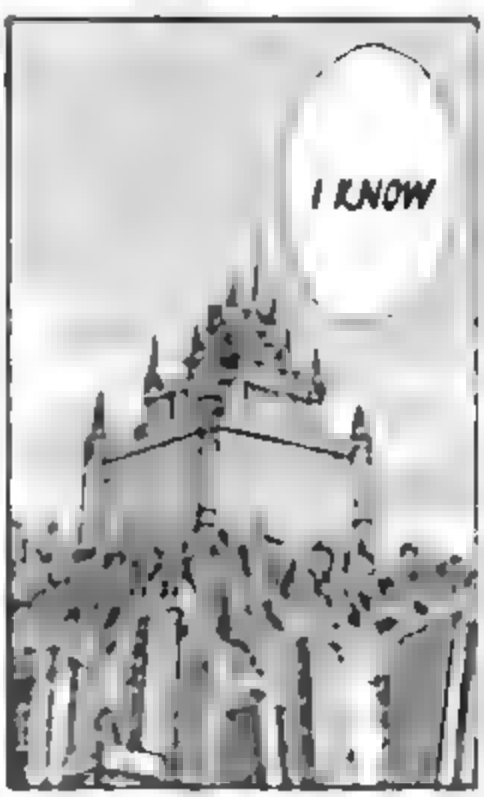
EPISODE FIVE, CLASSMATE


MASTER HARARA
I AM HIDING IN THE WOODS BEHIND THE SCHOOL BUILDING.


YOUR EYES ARE TRANSMITTING WHAT YOU SEE TO GARAN CASTLE


I KNOW

WHAT DO YOU SAY WE CHANGE THE PLAN AND JUST KILL THEM ALL?
REGARDING THE TARGET..
IT IS A BIT OF A PAIN FOR MY OLD EYES TO FIND ONE MAN AMONG ALL THOSE STUDENTS.
HE'LL BE THE ONE WHO REMAINS CALM, AND STEPS TO YOU WITHOUT HESITATION WHEN THE TIME COMES...
THAT SOUNDS LIKE FUN, TOO, BUT-
-YOU SHOULDN'T HAVE A PROBLEM FINDING THE TARGET
HE'S THE TARGET, KARUGO HAGAKURE

HEY HAGAKURE.

THERE'S A CHANGE OF CLOTHES INSIDE.

I PUT MY BATHING SUIT ON AT HOME
BESIDES, ALL YOU NEED IS A BATHING SUIT.
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WHY ARE YOU CARRYING THAT BIG CASE?
WE'RE JUST GOING TO THE SWIMMING POOL.

I'M JUST LETTING YOU KNOW OUT OF KINDNESS. WHAT AN ATTITUDE!
URRGH!
THAT'S NOT ALL I NEED.
OWW!
TO HELL WITH YOUR BAG!
WHAT'S IN THAT BAG?
THE CASE DIDN'T BUDGE AN INCH WHEN HAOKA KICKED IT.
ERRRGH!
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GIRL'S LOCKER ROOM
EXCEPT FOR THE FACE...

I HAVE THE BODY OF A PENGUIN
HAGAKURE WILL SEE THAT I HAVE NO WAISTLINE ...
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掘江
EVERYONE ELSE HAS A GREAT BODY.
BUT THERE'S NOTHING I CAN DO ABOUT IT NOW ..
I, TSUMIKO HORIE, WILL LET MY INNER BEAUTY SHINE THROUGH!
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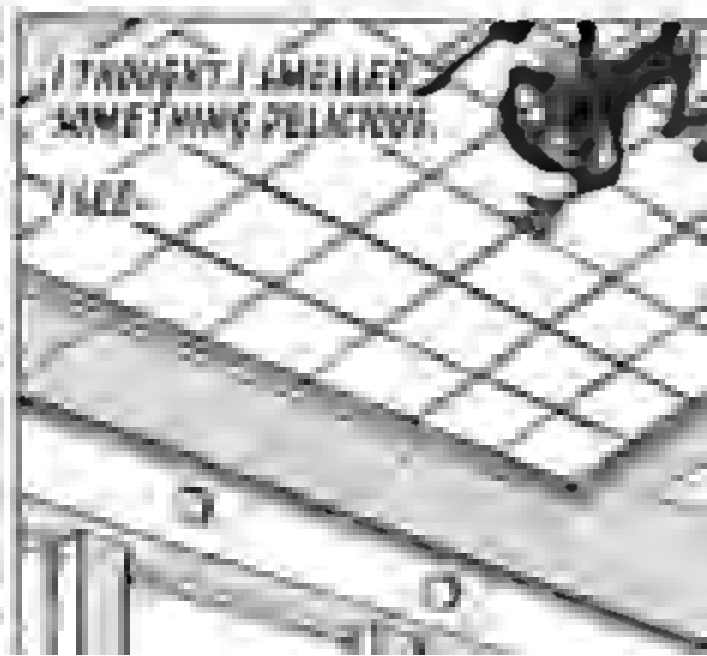
INFRARED STERILIZED
SWIMMING POOL

—THIS IS WHY.


I THOUGHT I SMELLED
SOMETHING DELICIOUS.
I SEE—

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HORIE!
I SHOULD'VE GONE ON A DIET
LOOK TSUMIKO! IT'S HAGAKURE.
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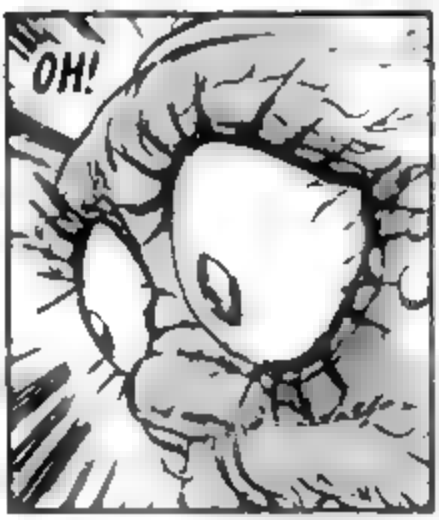
HE MAY ACT COOL, BUT HE'S REALLY A SICKO
HE'S GOT IRON BALLS BURIED IN HIS BODY
HEY CHECK HIM OUT!
IT LOOKS SO PAINFUL, BUT I CAN'T TAKE MY EYES OFF HIM...
I GOT MY NIPPLE PIERCED.
YOU TOO, HUH?
...

IT'S IMPORTANT TO PROTECT YOU KIDS FROM THE VIRUSES IN NEO TOKYO.
THIS WEEKLY INFRARED RAY POOL IS NO JOKE!
ALL RIGHT! CAN I HAVE YOUR ATTENTION PLEASE?
IT'S ZENIGATA.
WHY IS THE PRINCIPAL ALWAYS WITH HIM ANYWAY?
THEY MUST BE WATCHING US THROUGH HIDDEN CAMERAS
YOU PERVERT!
I SUGGEST THE GIRLS TO TAKE OFF EVERYTHING!
I'LL BEAT UP A MONSTER OR WHATEVER IS AFTER YOU.
I'LL EVEN DIE FOR YOU.
I'LL KEEP THAT IN MIND
I'M GONNA PROTECT YOU FROM TODAY ON
HEY HORIE...

WONDERFUL SCHOOL BATHING SUIT...
EVEN MY EYESIGHT IS COMING BACK


OH!

HE MAY BE UNARMED, BUT BE ON YOUR GUARD. APPROACH HIM WITH CAUTION!

THAT'S HIM, EIKICHI
HE IS YOUR TARGET

AS YOU WISH, MASTER HARARA!

EEEEYAH!
EH?!
AHHH
EEEE!
OH?

OOOPH!
NO! PLEASE DON'T EAT ME!
HMM, A YOUNG GIRL TASTES SO GOOD.
HAGAKURE!
BUT HOW AM I GONNA DO IT?
OH SHIT! OH SHIT! I GOTTA SAVE HER!
HURRY AND GET OUT OF HERE, HAOKA
HORIE!

WE'VE GOTTA SAVE HORIE!
LEAVE IT TO ME
BUT YOU DON'T HAVE ANYTHING ON!
IT WON'T BE A PROBLEM

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EEEE-EEAH!
HAGAKURE!
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WATCH YOUR STEP AND RUN TO THE EXIT QUICKLY.
HORIE!
YES!

YOU MUST BE KARUGO HAGAKURE.
WHO ARE YOU?
HOW DO YOU KNOW MY NAME?
TASTE MY BULLETS
NO NEED TO ANSWER. ATTACK HIM, EIKICHI.
AT YOUR COMMAND!

HE WON'T.
!
I WONDER HOW HE'LL OUT-MANEUVER THEM
EIKICHI'S FROZEN SALIVA BULLETS ARE FAR MORE DEADLY THAN NORMAL BULLETS
JUST LOOK.
THEN HOW IS HE GOING TO ?
THE IRON BALLS ARE BEING SUCKED INTO HIS BODY
WHAT IS ABOUT TO HAPPEN?

BE PREPARED! YOUNG MAN!
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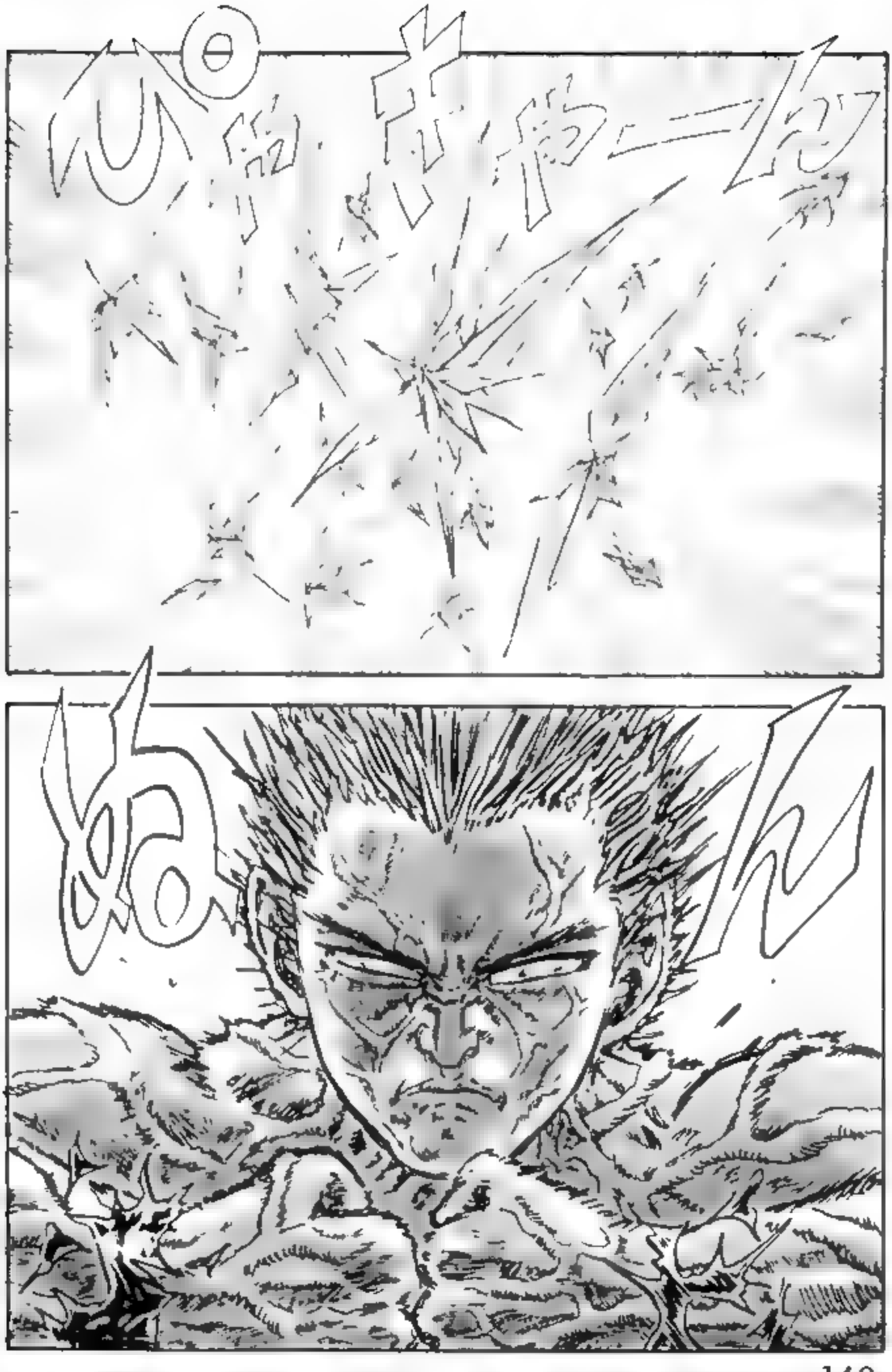
THAT'S MY KAKUGO.
HE'S STANDING RIGHT IN FRONT OF EIKICHI'S WEAPON
WHAT?



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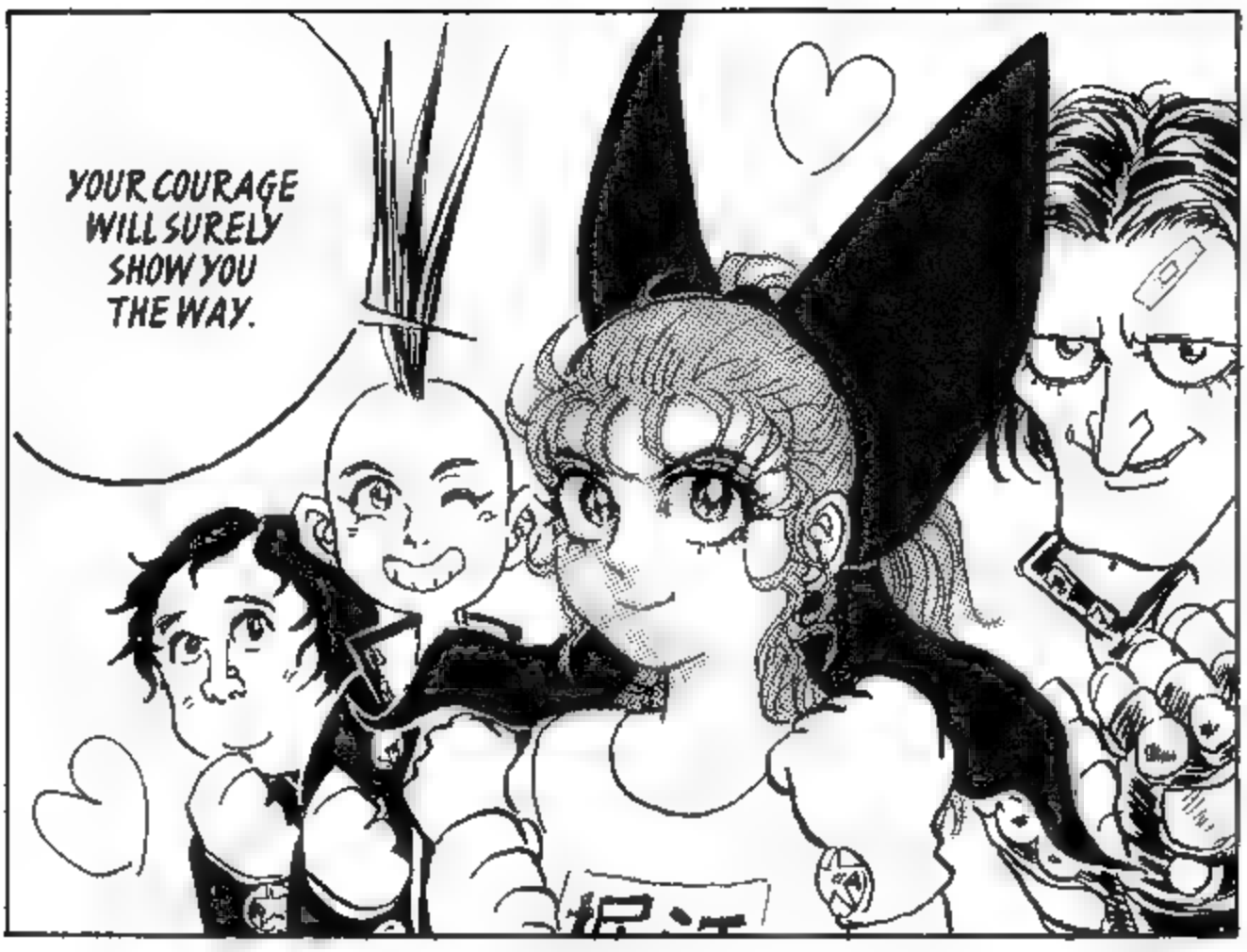
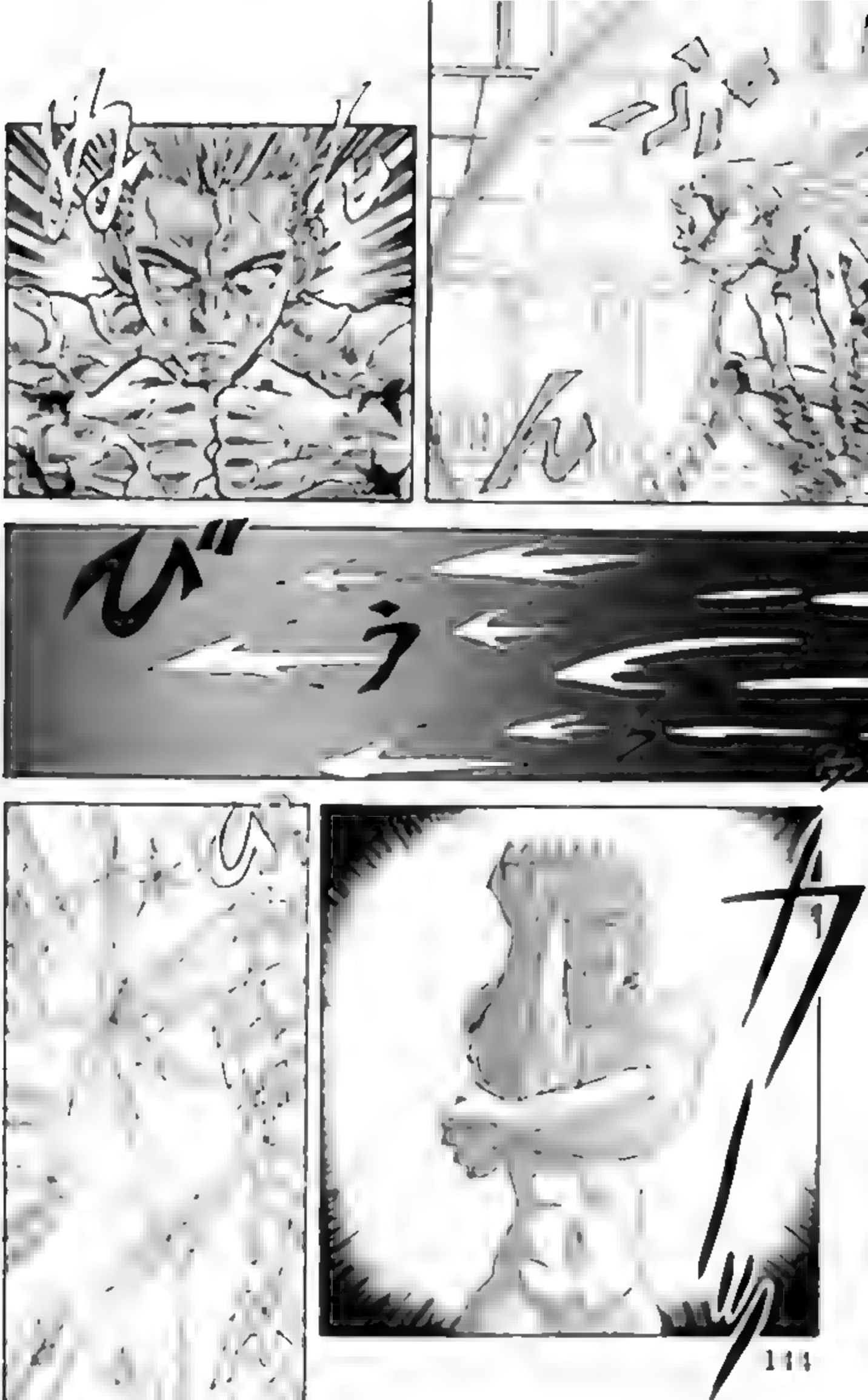
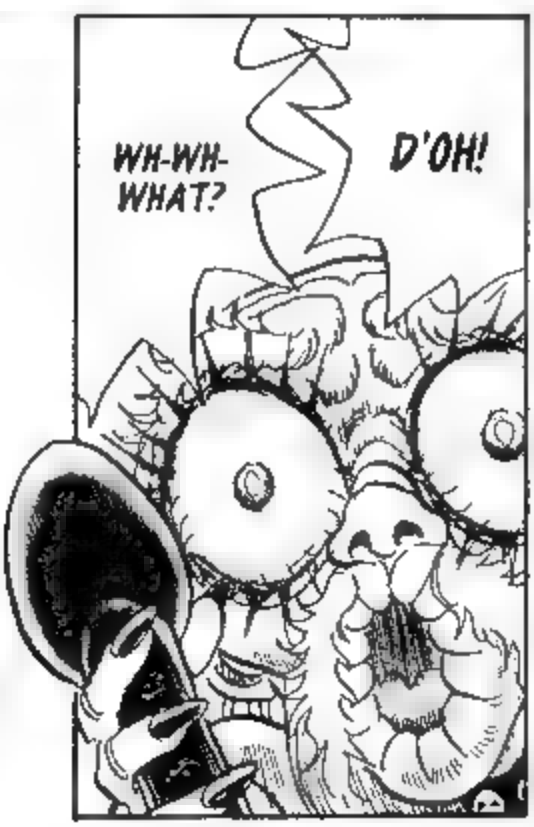
EPISODE SIX, ZERO FORM, IRON BALLS

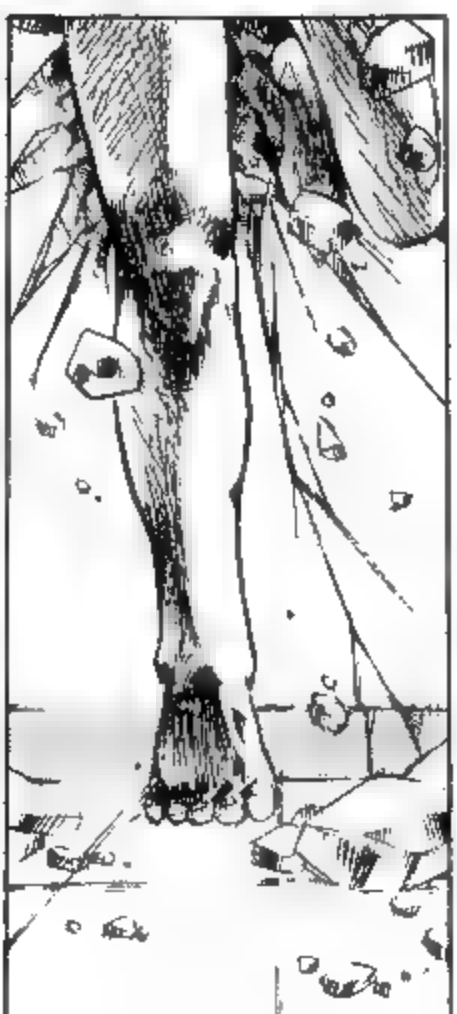

YOUR COURAGE WILL SURELY SHOW YOU THE WAY.

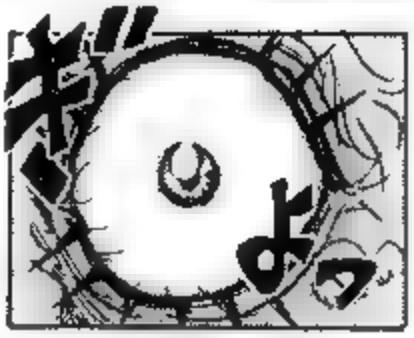
ARE YOU READY? PUNK!

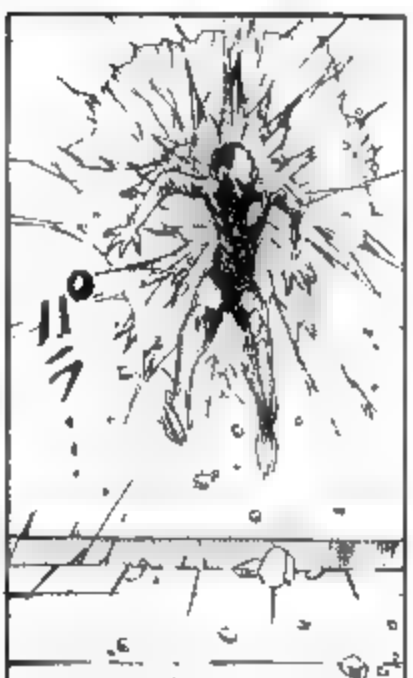


PIECE OF CAKE!


WH-WH-WHAT?
D'OH!







WHAT ON EARTH IS THAT!?

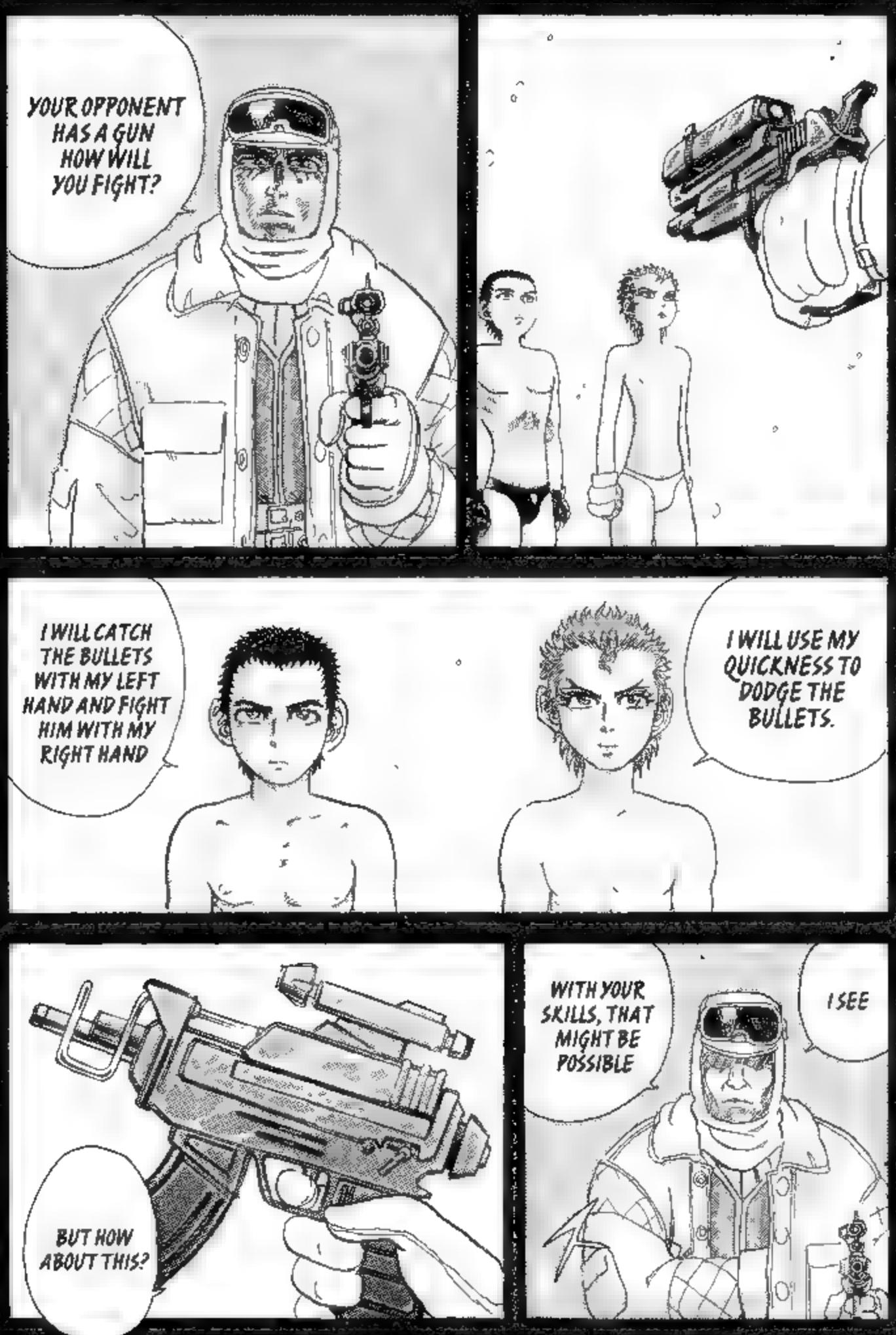
MASTER HARARA!
IS YOUR BROTHER A CYBORG?
NOT QUITE

ZERO FORM. IRON BALLS, BULLET PROOF FORM
THEN WHY IS HALF OF HIS BODY MADE OF STEEL?
AND WHEN HIS SKIN DETECTS A FOREIGN BODY TRYING TO PENETRATE IT, THE BLOOD IS SECRETED TO THE SURFACE AND SOLIDIFIED
WHEN THE IRON BALLS ARE ABSORBED INTO THE BODY, THEY DISSOLVE INTO HIS BLOODSTREAM
THE EIGHT BALLS IN KAKUGO'S BODY CAN TRANSFORM 56% OF HIS SKIN INTO ARMOR

BUT WHERE DID HE GET SUCH A POWER?
IF I DIDN'T SEE IT WITH MY OWN EYES I WOULDN'T BELIEVE IT
I HAVE NEVER HEARD OF SUCH WEAPON BEFORE
FROM OUR FATHER.

THE PRINCIPLES OF THE HAGAKURE
A HAKAGURE DOES NOT WIN BY STAYING IN CONTROL AT ALL TIMES, BUT BY BEING ABLE TO LOSE CONTROL AND STILL SURVIVE.
OBORO HAGAKURE 47 YEARS OLD
HARARA HAGAKURE 11 YEARS OLD
KAKUGO HAGAKURE 10 YEARS OLD

EXCELLENT MATCH.
STAND DOWN!
YOU WOULD'VE DIED TWICE, KAKUGO
FORGIVE ME
YOU SURPASS ANYONE IN EMPTY-HANDED TECHNIQUE.
I'M IMPRESSED WITH BOTH OF YOU.
YOU'RE FINALLY READY TO LEARN ZERO FORM


YOUR OPPONENT HAS A GUN HOW WILL YOU FIGHT?
I WILL CATCH THE BULLETS WITH MY LEFT HAND AND FIGHT HIM WITH MY RIGHT HAND
I WILL USE MY QUICKNESS TO DODGE THE BULLETS.
BUT HOW ABOUT THIS?
WITH YOUR SKILLS, THAT MIGHT BE POSSIBLE
I SEE

THIS MACHINE GUN CAN SHOOT 150 BULLETS IN HALF A SECOND
I AM FOCUSED ON THE ATTACK
NOT A PROBLEM
FIGHTING IS SOMETHING EVEN A DOG CAN DO

BUT WE, THE HAGAKURE, MUST WIN AT ANY COST!
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YES, SIR!
SHOOT ME! AND NOT EVEN ONE BULLET CAN MISS.
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A BODY OF STEEL IS THE MOST POWERFUL WEAPON!
FIREARMS ARE NOTHING TO BE FEARED!

THE PATH A HAGAKURE SHALL TAKE IS NOT TO RECKLESSLY THROW ONE'S SELF INTO ACTION, BUT TO ENDURE RECKLESS ACTION.
I WILL INITIATE YOU INTO THE ZERO FORM, IRON BALLS.
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SHALL WE BEGIN?
YOU MAY SUFFER
BUT IF YOU DO NOT SURVIVE THE PROCESS, THAT PROVES YOU ARE NOT WORTHY

YES, BEGIN!
FIRST, KAKUGO!
MM-MMPH!

YOU ENDURED ADMIRABLY! WELL DONE, KAKUGO!
AN AVERAGE MAN WOULD'VE DIED EIGHT TIMES FROM THE AGONIZING PAIN!
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I THANK YOU, FATHER!
I REQUEST YOU TO SHOOT THREE TIMES MORE BALLS INTO ME THAN KAKUGO!
FATHER!
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HAHA-HAHA!
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VERY WELL, HARARA!
I REQUEST YOU FIRE FROM CLOSER RANGE!
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I'M OUT OF IRON BALLS.
NARARA, YOUR ENDURANCE SHALL BE LEGEND AMONG THE HAGAKURE UNTIL THE END OF HISTORY
THAT IS A GREAT HONOR
THE PATH A HAGAKURE SHALL TAKE IS NOT ONLY TO FIGHT RECKLESSLY, BUT ALSO TO GAIN VICTORY NO MATTER WHAT.

WHAT ABOUT YOU? KAKUGO
I'M STILL AS BRAVE AS WHEN I WAS YOUNG NOTHING HAS CHANGED
BEING 90 YEARS OF AGE. IT WON'T BE EASY FOR ME
IT'S BEEN A WHILE SINCE THE LAST TIME I FOUGHT A MAN WITH ANY BACKBONE
I SUPPOSE I HAVE TO ASK LITTLE BOY FOR SOME HELP
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第七話 瞬着
EPISODE SEVEN. TRANSFORM

MY BOY, LET US JOIN FORCES AND DEFEAT HIM.
GGRRRHH!
THIS ONE MUST HAVE SOME CONNECTION WITH YESTERDAY'S MONSTER.
ANOTHER MUTANT HORROR!

IT'S SO AMUSING TO WATCH KAKUGO AT A LOSS.
AH HAHA!
FOR KAKUGO, WHO TRIES TO BE LOGICAL IN ANY SITUATION, IT'S NOT EASY TO IMAGINE A CREATURE LIKE EIKICHI
ALL ARE FORBIDDEN TO A TRUE HAGAKURE BUT EIKICHI REEKS OF ALL OF THEM.
FREEDOM! LUST! JEALOUSY!

CLOSING IN!
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IT'S MORE DANGEROUS TO KEEP MY DISTANCE.
HE SHOOTS DEADLY BULLETS FROM HIS MOUTH...
GGH!
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FOLLOWED BY...
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GOLDEN BALL FLASH!
MY EYES!

BULLETS OF FROZEN MAN JUICE!
ZERO FORM CAN READ THE AIR CURRENTS.
EVEN WITHOUT MY SIGHT...
HERE IS THE FATHER AND SON COMBINATION!
SWIFT LITTLE PUNK!

DO SOMETHING! MR. ZENIGATA!
THE CAMERAS MUST BE BROKEN THERE'S NOTHING WE CAN DO
I CAN'T SEE ANYTHING!
PRINCIPALS OFFICE
MR ZENIGATA GIVE ME A WHISKEY ON THE ROCKS
AND HER PLUMP LITTLE LEGS?
WILL I NEVER SEE HER SOFT, ROUND SHOULDERS AGAIN?
WHAT AM I GOING TO DO?

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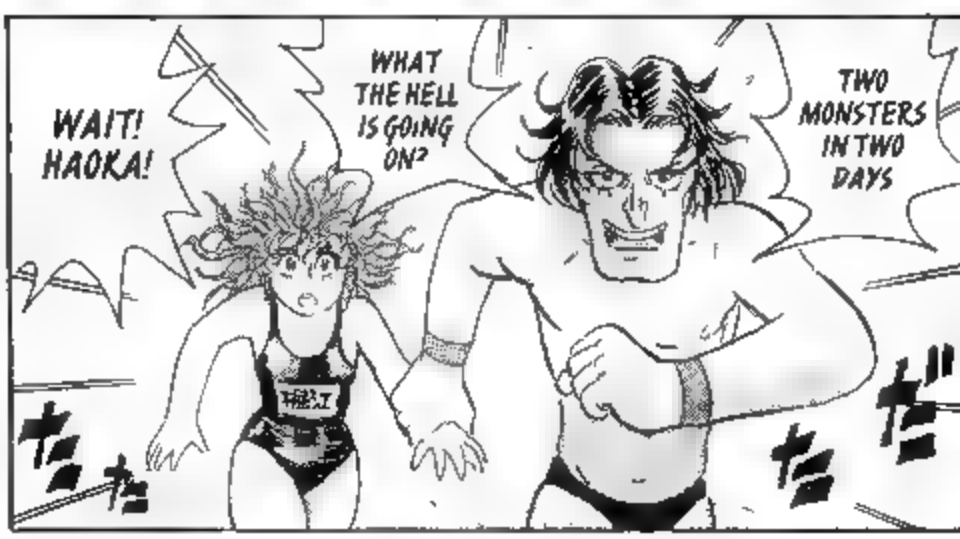
KAKUGO ISN'T COMING OUT OF THE BUILDING


WAIT! HAOKA!
WHAT THE HELL IS GOING ON?
TWO MONSTERS IN TWO DAYS
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HE'S FIGHTING IN THERE...

HAGAKURE SAVED OUR LIVES, REMEMBER?
WHAT'S WRONG WITH YOU?
羽江

IT'S TIME TO WORRY ABOUT YOURSELF!
HE'S A BIG BOY.

ONLY 56% OF HIS SKIN IS HARD AS STEEL
EVEN YOU WON'T BE ABLE TO HOLD OUT LONG AGAINST A RAIN OF BULLETS!

ARMED SECURITY SQUAD

THAT'S THE SECRET TO A LONG LIFE.
KILLING THE YOUNG.
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DIE!
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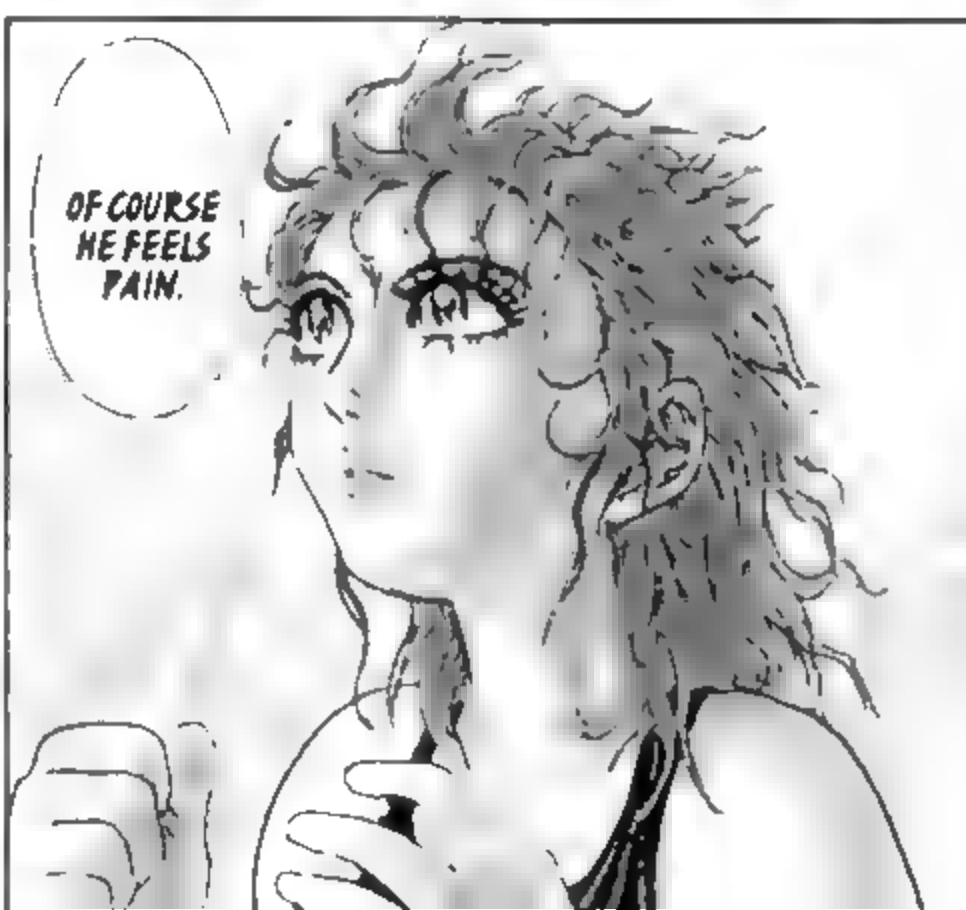
HOLY SHIT! LOOK AT HAGAKURE'S BODY!
THERE HE IS! JUST LIKE I THOUGHT

HE ISN'T HUMAN!
HIS FLESH IS GONE AND HE'S SOME KIND OF MACHINE INSIDE

HE DOESN'T FEEL PAIN BECAUSE HE'S A ROBOT! NO WONDER HE'S SO COLD

HAGAKURE ISN'T A ROBOT
BECAUSE-


OF COURSE HE FEELS PAIN.

HIS BLOOD RUNS RED LIKE YOURS OR MINE.

BUT WE DON'T KNOW WHERE IT IS.

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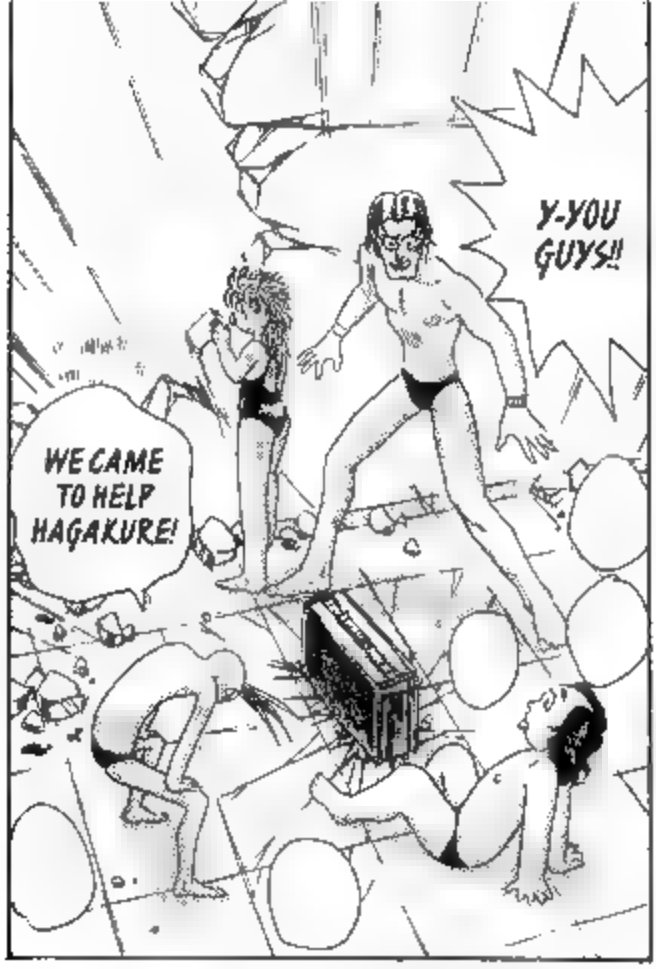
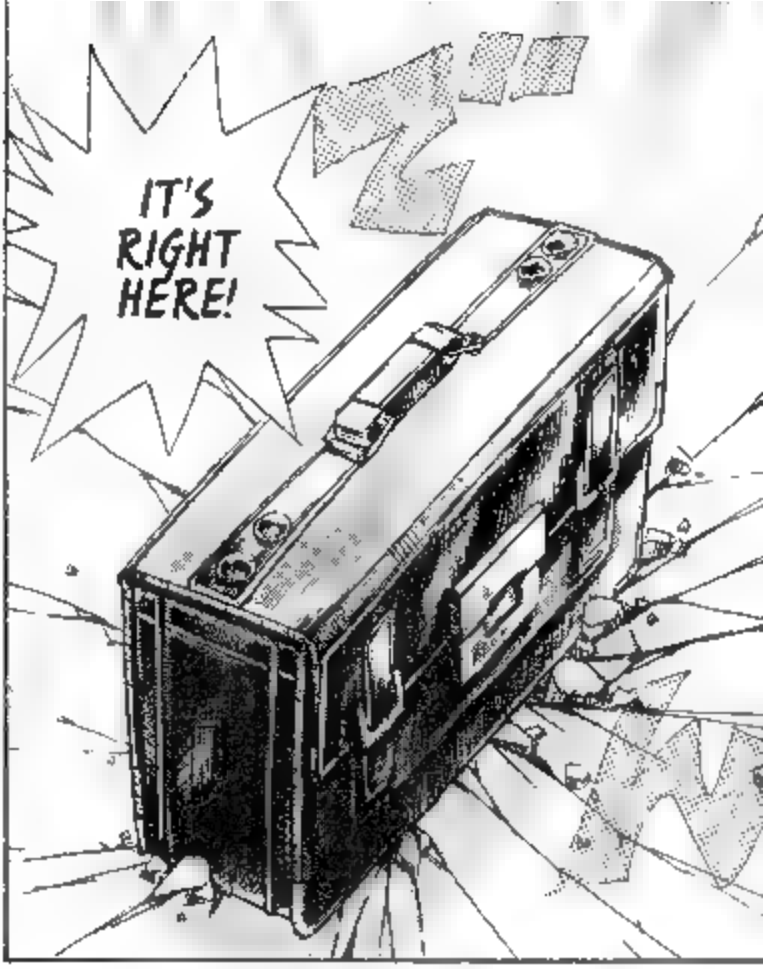
THE ARMOR
IF HE HAD HIS ARMOR

WE GOTTA DO SOMETHING OR HE'LL BE DEAD
OH NO


WE CAME TO HELP HAGAKURE!
Y-YOU GUYS!!


IT'S RIGHT HERE!

IDIOT! HOW ARE WE GONNA GIVE THIS TO HIM?

THE ARMOR MUST BE IN THE CASE.
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IT TOOK TWO OF US CARRY IT.
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HAGA-KURE!
OH MAN! HE'S ALL BLOODY!
HE'S BLEEDING A LOT

HAGAKURE!

AGGH!
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IT'S TOO DANGEROUS!
HAOKA!
EYYAH
F-FOOL!
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HERE'S YOUR BRIEFCASE!
WHAT A NOISY FELLOW!
EYYAH
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LEAVE! NOW!
PUT IT ON THE GROUND!

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WAH!
EEEE!
EHH
EHHH
HAOKA!
HAOKA
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URGGH!

IT'S GOING TO BE A LONG TIME BEFORE I DIE.
YOU. .
WHAT A FEARFUL LOOK .
HE IS IN GREAT PAIN.
SUCH A WEAKLING CAN NEVER MASTER ZERO FORM
HEH HEH HEH!
INSIDE YOUR BROTHER BURNS THE FLAME OF ANGER AND HATRED
HE MAY ENDURE HIS OWN SUFFERING, BUT NOT THAT OF HIS FRIEND
THAT'S WHAT KIND OF A MAN KAKUGO IS.

YOU MUST RESENT THE FEAR OF YOUR ENEMY
YOU MUST NOT RESENT YOUR ENEMY

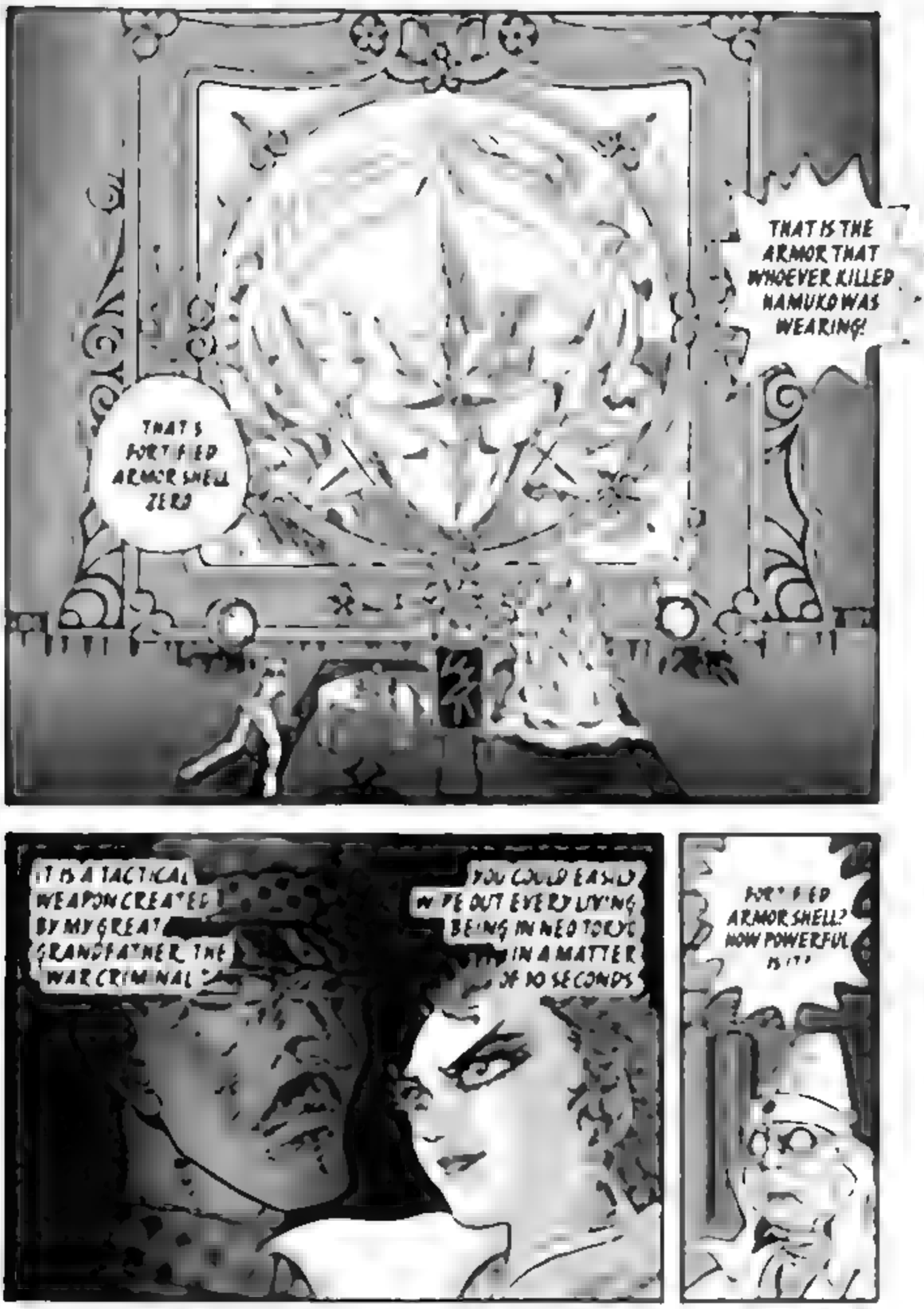
ENGAGE!

EHH!?
AAAAH!
AH!
WHAT THE !
MY GOODNESS! TH-THIS IS
EH
URGH

KAKUGO COMPLETE!
覚悟完了

第八話 鬼我一体

EPISODE EIGHT: MERGING FIEND AND SELF


THAT IS THE ARMOR THAT WHOEVER KILLED HAMUKO WAS WEARING!
THAT'S FORTIFIED ARMOR SHELL ZERO
IT IS A TACTICAL WEAPON CREATED BY MY GREAT GRANDFATHER, THE WAR CRIMINAL
YOU COULD EASILY WIPE OUT EVERY LIVING BEING IN NEO TOKYO IN A MATTER OF 30 SECONDS
FORTIFIED ARMOR SHELL? HOW POWERFUL IS IT?

IT DOESN'T MATTER IF IT'S A NEWBORN BABY, A TENDER OLD MAN, OR A RELIGIOUS FANATIC—
—THE INVISIBLE VAPOR FROM ITS FINGER CAN—
—KILL INSTANTLY WITHOUT EVEN MAKING A SOUND
IT IS NOT THE NAGAKURE WAY TO DEFEAT YOU IN SUCH AN IMPERSONAL MANNER
KARUGO WON'T USE IT
B-BUT IF HE USES THAT KIND OF CHEMICAL WEAPON, EIICHI—
—WON'T LAST A SECOND

W-WHAT IS THAT OUTFIT?
RRRRG-GGGGH!
I MAY HAVE A SHORT LIFE LEFT, BUT I'LL TEACH YOU SOME RESPECT.
THAT IS NO WAY TO TREAT A 90-YEAR-OLD MAN!
HAVE YOU NO RESPECT FOR YOUR ELDERS?

WHAT D'D YOU SAY?
EVEN THOUGH I SYMPATHIZE WITH YOUR CONDITION, I CANNOT APPROVE YOUR ACTIONS.
GRRRR
WHAT THE HELL IS THAT MONSTER?
YOU INSOLENT BASTARD!

HAGAKURE WILL NOT LOSE!
HE'S OKAY!
EVEN WITH THE ARMOR, HIS BODY IS BADLY INJURED
HOW CAN HE SURVIVE?!
I'LL PUT PRESSURE ON HIS WOUND, AND YOU GO GET A STRETCHER!
WE'VE GOT TO SAVE HAOKA!!
OH, RIGHT! HAOKA!
IT'S NOT WORKING!
BUT WHY? MY BULLETS ARE AS POWERFUL AS A MAGNUM!

CRUSH HIM TO DEATH!
LISTEN! EIKICH!!
THAT ARMOR IS LIKE A TANK AGAINST SUDDEN IMPACT.
YOU MUST CHANGE YOUR STRATEGY
AS YOU WISH!

EVEN AN ARMORED VEHICLE WOULDN'T LAST TEN SECONDS OF THIS
WHAT PRESSURE!
I FEEL LIKE I'VE GONE TO HEAVEN!
THROUGH MY LITTLE FRIEND, I CAN FEEL YOUR PULSE! YOUR BREATHING! IT'S MAGNIFICENT!

EEYYAH!
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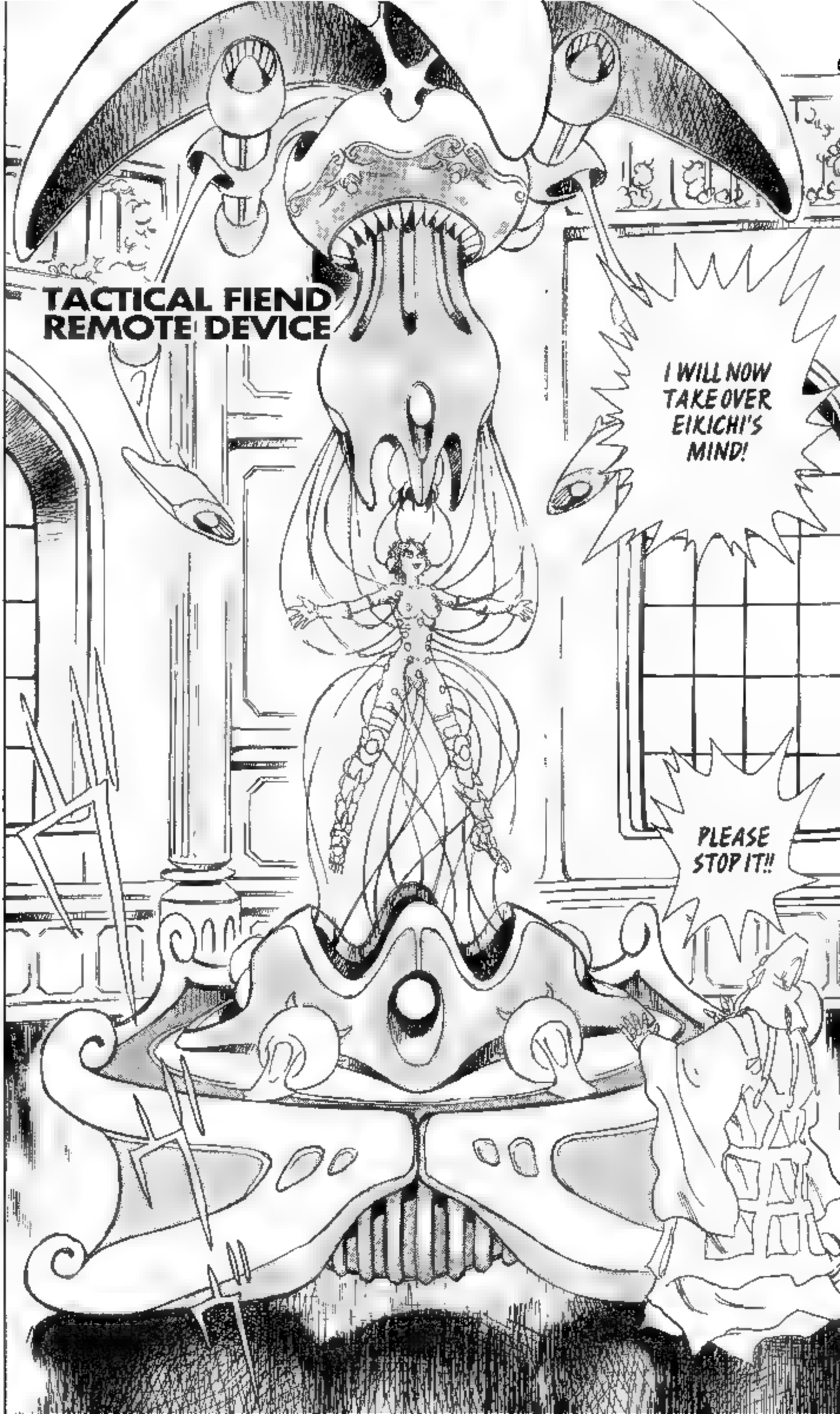
WELCOME BACK TO EARTH!

WHAT ARE YOU GOING TO DO?
NATURALLY
I WILL FIGHT HIM MYSELF.

IF YOU WANT TO LIVE, I SUGGEST YOU ANSWER MY QUESTIONS!!
EYYAH!
FOR HEAVEN'S SAKE, PLEASE DON'T KILL ME!
YOU HAVE 15 SECONDS!
SECOND! WHO DO YOU WORK FOR??
FIRST! WHY DID YOU ATTACK ME?

PLEASE THINK TWICE ABOUT THIS!
MASTER HARARA! THAT IS TOO DANGEROUS!
IMPOSSIBLE! MY MIND IS LIKE THE WIND AND YOU CAN'T CHANGE THE WIND.


TACTICAL FIEND REMOTE DEVICE
I WILL NOW TAKE OVER EIKICHI'S MIND!
PLEASE STOP IT!!

WHAT'S THE POINT IF THERE'S NO RISK?
I'M WELL AWARE OF THAT .!
IF HE DIED, THE SHOCK COULD KILL YOU AS WELL!
BECOMING ONE WITH EIKICHI, MEANS THAT YOU WILL SUFFER THE SAME PAIN HE DOES!
ZERO FORM, SECRET TECHNIQUE!
THREE.
TWO
ONE ..

MERGING
FIEND AND SELF!!
一体
鬼
我

ZERO!
!

WHAT HAPPENED? HE'S MOVING LIKE A TOTALLY DIFFERENT MAN.
I SENSE A SUPERIOR SPIRIT!
...EEH

GREETINGS FROM YOUR BROTHER, HARARA!
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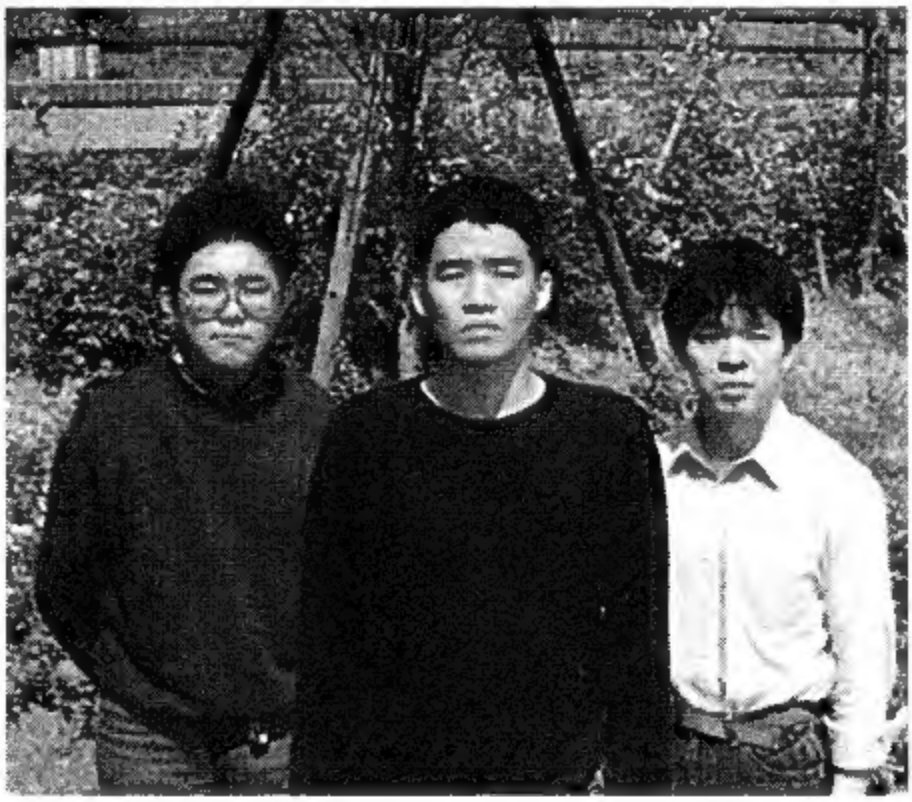

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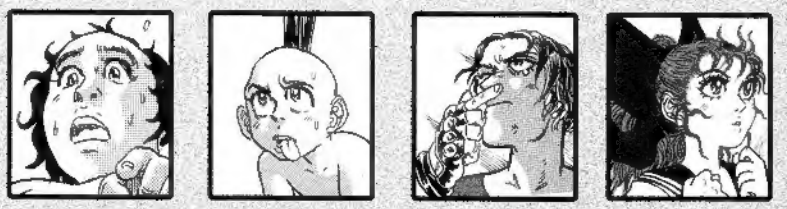
kids. Deep in his heart is the humanity to envelope all. Kakugo Hagakure fights for those who have courageous hearts. The power to grope for a star in darkness, and the absolute confidence to find it... That's the courageous heart. And that is also the subject matter of this book. In the next book, or the book after that, it will never change.

1995,
Takayuki Yamaguchi

COURAGEOUS HEART

Courageous Heart, I am like the grass that grows among the concrete longing for the light. The students of the Gyakujuji high school are like the grass. They are strong children who survived the apocalypse. Many of them lost their homes and parents in the earthquake. The sky of Neo Tokyo, where the students live, is dark, and the sea is polluted. Violence spreads everywhere in the city, and the students have to risk their lives just to go to school. They rarely get to satisfy their hungry stomachs. But they find happiness even in such a world. They smile, believing that tomorrow will be a better day. Kakugo Hagakure was born to protect these



IT'S NOT EASY TO BELIEVE
THAT TOMORROW WILL REALLY COME.
BUT WE ARE FILLED WITH HOPE, SO WE TURN TO
THE SONG OF COURAGE FOR STRENGTH.
BECAUSE WE BELIEVE IN HUMANITY,
WE TURN TO THE SONG OF COURAGE AND SMILE.
THE SONG OF COURAGE,
WRITTEN AND COMPOSED
BY UNKNOWN
EVEN IF THE EARTH DIES OUT,
JUST REMEMBER THE SONG OF COURAGE.
OPEN YOUR EYES AND LOOK FOR
THE SPARK OF LIFE. BITE THE BULLET
AND LOOK UP TO THE SKY.
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